

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



GHS soccer ...1B

Police arrest suspect in recent car theft

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

The Grayling City Police arrested a suspect in Frederic Township in connection with the theft of a car from the driveway of the Sorenson Funeral Home the evening of August 4.

The suspect, whose name is being held pending arraignment, was arrested without incident on August 18 and charged with unauthorized driving away of an auto and larceny over \$200, but less than \$1,000. The suspect is being held on a \$2,500 bond.

Man charged in assault case

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Indian Glen Subdivision after receiving a call regarding an assault in South Branch Township on August 23 at about 7:30 p.m.

According to Deputy Randy Baerlocher, a 38-year old unidentified South Branch Township woman was walking on a road in a wooded

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The arrest followed an extensive investigation by the Grayling City Police and the recovery of "items of significant sentimental value," some as far as 150 miles away. The items were to be part of a memorial service on August 5 for Caroline M. Goodale.

The car, a 1999 Buick, belonged to granddaughter Linda Goodale, who left the car running in front of the funeral home while retrieving memorabilia, including old photos, from the funeral home. The car was recovered in good condition in Frederic Township on August 7.



LOVELLS BRIDGE WALK – Hundreds of walkers, spanning the generations, showed up on Saturday, August 21 for the 8th Annual Lovells Bridge Walk, the local version of the Mackinac Bridge Walk, only much shorter – crossing the North Branch of the AuSable River. The day's activities included an award ceremony, softball game, raffles, games for the kids and lots of food. The bridge walk is the major fundraiser for the Lovells Township Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Services.

City fills vacancy on Housing Commission

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

On Monday, August 9, the Grayling City Council appointed Nellie S. Kellogg to the Housing Commission, filling the vacancy on the board left by Marlene Lippard.

Robert Ruddy, City Councilman and member of the Housing Commission Board, said the commission had discussed the matter and recommended Kellogg for the position.

Councilman Robert Golnick

moved to appoint Kellogg on the board's recommendation, and Mayor Ralph Stevens provided a second. The council voted in favor of the appointment.

Kellogg's term will expire on January 1, 2001.

Strict code aims at improving attendance

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

High school attendance has improved over the last few years, but the Crawford AuSable School Board has elected to create and enforce a more stringent policy to foster even better attendance in the 1999-2000 school year when school opens August 30.

The board agreed to follow the state attendance guidelines and has instructed district staff to cooperate with attendance officers and law enforcement agencies when enforcing the compulsory attendance laws.

The intention of the board is to continue to recognize and encourage the concept of the educational value of regular classroom attendance, considered in any formal evaluation of a student. According to the attendance code, presence in the classroom "aids in instilling concepts of self-discipline and exposes a student to interactions with teachers and fellow students."

The board recognizes the value of classroom instruction, participation, discussion and its bearing on academic achievement, but it also sees value in the discipline it takes for a student to be dependable, responsible and punctual, and carrying these habits over into adult life.

A Grayling High School (GHS) student will be allowed up to ten excused absences per semester before they suffer the consequences of receiving no credit for a class or classes from which they were absent.

According to GHS counseling office secretary Kim Schmidt, excused absences can still be made up with "Saturday school." An excused absence includes those verified by a note or phone call to the attendance secretary from a parent or guardian before or the first day of the absence. A student will be excused from school for illness, family emergency, religious observations, prearranged absences, doctor or dentist appointments and for planned school-related activities, such as scheduled trips for athletic, music or forensics events.

As in previous attendance policies, students are responsible for arranging to make up missed school

assignments in a timely manner.

Tardiness, Schmidt said, has been on the incline at GHS. To help deter the habit of arriving to school or classes late, the board has instituted the new policy of two tardies equals an unexcused absence. These absences cannot be made up on Saturdays. The only acceptable reasons for an excused tardy will be the late arrival of a school bus, a doctor or dentist appointment, or a student being detained in a classroom for which the teacher will provide a pass for the student's late arrival to his/her next class.

Students will remain responsible for presenting permission to the office to leave the school during the day and must sign out before they leave. Those arriving late must sign in at the office and obtain a pass before attending class.

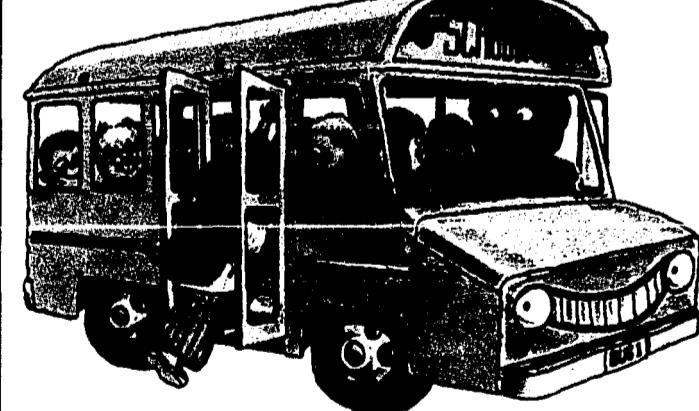
When absences become excessive, school administrators may ask to hold a hearing with the student and parents to help solve the problem. After the hearing, it is possible

that the student may still be required to make up the time. Depending on the nature of the attendance problem, a referral may be made to Probate Court and/or Family Independence Agency.

The code allows for special and confidential consideration when parents feel the attendance policy has created undue hardship on a student or if unusual family circumstances have affected the student's attendance. In these cases, parents/guardians should contact GHS assistant principal Loren Bass.

In some cases, an Attendance Review Advisory Committee, consisting of one school administrator, the student's counselor, and three classroom teachers (not involving the teacher for the class or classes in question) will be available to "consider attendance-related appeals and to consider whether, in cases of excessive absences, mitigating circumstances require special consideration within the progressive discipline policy."

New school year begins August 30



by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

With the smell of new clothes, new shoes and a hint of diesel exhaust in the air, the school year that will take us into the year 2000 will begin Monday, August 30.

The first day of school will be a full day at all schools in the Crawford AuSable School District.

Grayling High School scheduled classroom hours are 8:15 a.m. to 2:52 p.m.

Grayling Middle School scheduled classroom hours are 8:35 a.m. to 3:07 p.m.

Grayling Elementary School and AuSable Primary School students meet from 8:40 a.m. to 3:17 p.m.

Frederic Elementary School students meet from 8:50 a.m. to 3:27 p.m.

For bus assignments and schedules, see Page 15A.

PROPOSED COUNTY LIBRARY – Ed Parks presented a conceptual drawing and floor plans for a new 10,000-square foot county library to the County Board on August 18. The commissioners gave their support to the Library Board.

including the bathrooms, making it difficult for handicapped individuals to visit the library. He also said the heating and ventilation system is poor, especially humidity control.

"It is very damp and the basement, where the children's books are kept, floods," he said.

Other areas where the current library is inadequate, according to Parks and the library board concern space: lack of parking, lack of

office and employee work space, lack of storage and display areas and lack of space for the proper categorization of book collections.

"We visited other libraries — in big cities and small — to get ideas for a new library," said Parks. "We want this to be a community center for use by book clubs, computer clubs and others who need a meeting place."

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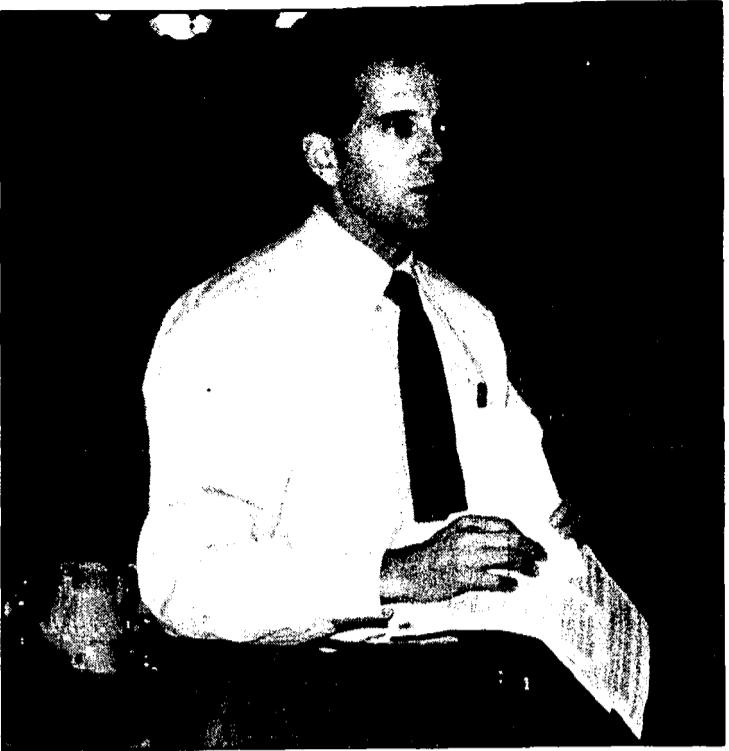
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Rep. Camp holds townhall meeting

ADDRESSING ISSUES - U.S. Representative Dave Camp (R-Midland) held a townhall meeting in Grayling last week to give his constituents the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions on issues important to them. Camp discussed the federal tax surplus and his desire to see the money refunded to the taxpayer. Medicare and the high cost of prescription drugs, along with library programs were also discussed by the audience and the congressman. More than 30 people, including elected county officials, attended the lunchtime meeting August 18.

Photo by Cheryll Ruley



Bradstreet visits county while House in recess

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

With the State House of Representatives is in summer recess, 105th District Representative Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) has been out making the rounds of county, township and other municipality meetings throughout northern Michigan, extending a helping hand to all.

Bradstreet attended the August 18 regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and discussed current issues facing the House and his constituents.

A hot topic among county commissioners across the state has been the consideration of changing their terms from two-years to four-years, with terms staggered among board members. County Chair Lynnette Corlew commented that it is difficult for a new board to get oriented in a quick and efficient manner when the majority of those just elected are new to the board. She agreed with the concept of staggered terms to avoid the problem.

The board has received several pieces of correspondence from other county boards resolving to

support a change and passed a resolution themselves at the August 18 meeting.

Bradstreet said he agrees to a point with changing the term length, but is concerned about the effect this would have when districts are restructured with the census every ten years. "I have my reservations, but I would support it," he said.

"Another problem is campaigning every two years," Bradstreet said. "I think the process is very distracting and burdensome to start campaigning just one year after an election." Bradstreet said he would also like to see House seat terms change from two- to four-year terms.

Vice Chair Beth Wieland asked about the progress of legislation regarding the oil and gas severance tax money that the county board fervently agrees 50 percent belongs in the counties where the fuel is drilled. Bradstreet said he has introduced legislation regarding the tax, however he described the first six months of his term as "very intense." He said the House has spent most of its time "cleaning things up that have been sitting there."

"There was a back log of items to tend to," Bradstreet said. "And, freshman legislation doesn't get put on top of the stack."

"I'm not a negative person... I'm realistic," he said. "Governor Engler is not supportive of the severance tax package. But, your resolutions and letters are extremely important."

Bradstreet said a binder containing resolutions from several counties is being compiled to present to Engler for consideration in the matter.

"My goal in the House is to move bills that have an impact on northern Michigan," Bradstreet said, and then told the commissioners that he is part of a group of northern Michigan freshman that has been dubbed the "Fab Five" for their efforts to effectively represent their districts in all legislation.

Though Bradstreet isn't too confident about the severance tax legislation, he said the Swamp Tax legislation has the best chance of passage. "This one is easier because it is already a law. It just needs to be indexed to keep up with the rate of inflation." The Swamp Tax pays counties an amount each year for each acre of undevelopable, government-owned swamp or wetland.

On an unrelated subject, County Controller Paul Compo asked Bradstreet his opinion on possible legislation allowing non-resident property owners to vote on property tax issues. "If I have my way," said Bradstreet, "that's not going anywhere. When people buy a second home or property in northern Michigan, they know what the rules are."

Corrections

In the August 19 edition of *The Avalanche*, Pete Stephan was identified as the current Elmwood Cemetery sexton. Steve Doyle currently holds that position.

Also, in the same edition, Joe Porter was identified as the president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Board of Directors. In actuality, Pam Schnaidt is the president.

The editorial staff of *The Avalanche* sincerely regrets these errors and any confusion they may have caused.

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Stevenson named MDA's Michigan Goodwill Ambassador

Tom Stevenson, 15, of Frederic, was recently named the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) Michigan Goodwill Ambassador.

As a part of Stevenson's Goodwill Ambassador duties, he met with Governor John Engler for a feature photo session and taping with Lansing's WLNS Newscenter 6 in preparation for the 1999 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon.

As the state of Michigan's MDA Goodwill Ambassador, Stevenson will make public appearances throughout the community to encourage volunteers in the Association's year-round educational and fundraising campaigns, and will also take part in a number of the state's special events.

The new ambassador is the son of Mark and Marty Stevenson, and the brother of Amy Stevenson. His condition was diagnosed as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of six. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is one of 40 neuromuscular diseases covered by MDA's research and care programs.

A sophomore at Grayling High School, Stevenson said he enjoys Algebra, Art, and Social Studies classes. He participates in his local United Methodist youth group, and has served as his high school basketball team's statistics keeper. His hobbies include playing video games, watching football, and assisting with his church's Discovery group for children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade.

Stevenson has assisted with MDA fundraising events including several Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day telethons, a public service



GOODWILL AMBASSADOR — Tom Stevenson (center) has been named the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 1999 Michigan Goodwill Ambassador. Stevenson and his family recently met with Governor John Engler in Lansing while attending a taping and photo session in preparation for the Jerry Lewis Telethon. Shown with Stevenson are sister Amy, father Mark, Governor Engler and Tom's mother Marty.

announcement for MDA Shamrocks Against Dystrophy programs, and appearances at MDA state conventions. He will be appearing on the 1999 MDA Telethon on Newschannel 7 and 4 at the Leelanau Sands Casino in Suttons Bay.

Stevenson will also be appearing at future MDA events including the

4th Annual Michigan Northwoods Ride at Crystal Mountain on September 11, and will attend the Detroit Red Wings training camp in Traverse City.

MDA funds over 400 research projects working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases and supports over 230 hospital-affiliated clinics where people with these diseases can

receive medical care and support services.

The MDA clinic serving the northern Michigan area is located at the Mid-Michigan Regional Medical Center in Midland.

County Board authorizes housing grant application

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Slowly but surely was the description Crawford County Controller Paul Compo used regarding the progress being made at the recently languid Housing Commission.

The County Board of Commissioners signed a resolution on August 18 giving Compo the go-ahead to apply for \$150,000 in housing-related grant monies. Compo is currently serving as a liaison between the county board and the Housing Commission.

The grant being applied for is not a new one.

It is the same grant that, when applied for by former Housing Director Sandy Brody, was found by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to have 13 separate problems within the application.

With the help of Kathy Whitford of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA), the grant application deadline was extended while she helped resolve the 13 problems.

The county board recently agreed to a \$3,750, six-month contract with NEMCSA to provide technical support for such things as grant writing

and to get programs moving again. The funding for these services will come out of the Housing Commission's current budget.

Upon receipt, the grant monies

will be used to help provide affordable housing opportunities, repairs and improvements for low and very low income residents in Crawford County.

Library Board told to proceed with plans

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"We have proposed a multipurpose room with a small pull-out stage for programs and speakers. We would also like to expand our video collection and add music to the library's inventory. We would also like to tie into the schools' computer system to allow students to access more information," Parks said.

Regarding the two proposed sites for a library, Parks said he and the library board agree the site near Grayling Elementary School is "very good for the school kids."

Parks said the new facilities would be 10,000 square feet in size and cost would be around \$1.1 million. "We need to build for now and for the future when space will be needed for 13,000 more books as the years go by."

Regarding the size of the proposed library, Parks said, "Fifteen

years down the way, if the county continues to grow, we won't have to tear things up to expand."

Parks estimates the annual operational costs of the new library around \$150,000. "A new library will cost over and above what it costs now," he said.

"We need to work together with the commissioners and others to determine if we need additional millage for increased operational costs," said Parks. "We can't just depend on book fines."

The library board has proposed a tentative capital bond issue to be placed on the August 2000 primary ballot.

The commissioners voted unanimously to allow the library board to proceed with planning and development of a new county library.

"It is very vital as a board that we support this project," commented County Chair Lynnette Corlew.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

George W. stumbles around a bit

JUST WHEN everything seemed to be going so smoothly, the Bush Presidential Express ran into problems.

Did he or didn't he ever use illegal drugs? He won't say.

In today's era of deep digging into past conduct of high level public figures, that's a question which should have been no surprise for Texas Gov. George W. Bush and his presidential campaign brain trust.

But the way it's been handled is bizarre at best, possibly self destructive at worst.

First he said he wouldn't answer.

Then he claimed he was clean for seven years.

Then he extended that to 25 years.

And then ... who knows what's due next?

But now that this line of questioning has gone so far, it should proceed to full disclosure.

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WHO CARES one way or the other whether a young George Bush experimented with drugs in his teens or twenties or even went further?

Most of his devout backers say it doesn't matter to them, and it shouldn't matter to anyone.

Back in those days, everyone was doing it, so what's

the big deal?

I'm not so sure about that. Everyone was not doing it, and if Mr. Bush was breaking drug laws in his salad days, maybe someone should care.

Maybe it does make a difference to some folks. At least, in selection of a president, voters should make their judgments with full information.

A refusal to fully answer the drug question fosters an assumption that things really must have been bad, or else he would admit whatever it is he refuses to admit ... and assumptions often are more harmful than truth.

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AN EVEN more alarming aspect of this whole did-he-or-didn't-he development to me is the way Mr. Bush and his advisors have handled it.

The question of past drug use was bound to come up; Mr. Bush certainly knew that. So will other distasteful personal questions. The Bush team should have determined in advance a precise strategy how Mr. Bush would respond to this and similar questions about past personal history -- and stuck with their plan, whatever it was.

Instead, they seem at times without direction, just wandering off one way and then the other.

Is this an indication of Mr. Bush's testiness, indecision, wavering, inadequate preparation, indecisiveness in delicate public matters? And if so, would those characteristics transfer into presidential decision making if he should win the 2000 election?

In those terms, Mr. Bush may be involved in a far larger crisis than it now appears on the surface.

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SOME BUSH political backers suggest the whole thing is a liberal media plot to "get George Bush" and derail his Presidential Express.

No, it's not. At this point, it's pure and simple a news story. It will remain one as long as Mr. Bush does not bare all. The sooner that happens, the sooner the sensation ends.

Will it harm Mr. Bush's campaign?

Probably not, unless the eventual truth proves a lot more damaging than most folks expect.

What is finally revealed likely will not produce a big chink in the armor of the Texas governor.

How he handles himself will be crucial.

Of course there are about 35 million reasons -- each bearing a dollar sign -- that the Bush campaign remains strong. That's the amount he reportedly has raised so

far in his run for president.

Then there's the other vital question:

If not George W. Bush, then who? The Republican field of challengers is not exactly a shining galaxy of potential presidents.

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NUTS & JOLTS -- At a time like this, few things are as welcome as humor, such as these thoughts from the late Hod Shewell, reprinted from earlier years:

-- A yawn is boredom tried on for size.

-- Any man who thinks he's hot stuff is usually half baked.

-- A hypochondriac is someone who never gets over what he didn't have in the first place.

-- Minor surgery is always on the other guy.

-- Misery loves company ... and sometimes marries it.

-- Nothing wears out quicker than the back door of a bar in a small town.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Grayling's hospitality is 'extraordinary'

To the editor,

We were recently traveling home from Walloon Lake to Fort Wayne, when our car broke down near Grayling. We muttered and groaned as we limped into an auto repair.

As I sit in our hotel room, let me tell you a little bit about our stay in Grayling.

Since we arrived on Friday afternoon, we've had three people offer us their car, two offer to let us spend

the night, one person offer to help us with our laundry, and countless offers of food.

All of this is very extraordinary. But, consider this, too: There were seven of us!

May we some day return your gracious hospitality to a stranger in need!

Gene and Melissa Skalicky
Fort Wayne, IN

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VIEWPOINT

There is a need for learning a foreign language

by Tanya Puchkova, Instructor
Kirtland Community College

"If you speak three languages you are trilingual, if you speak two languages, you are bilingual, if you speak one language you are American." Sadly, the sarcasm of this saying is well grounded. But for decades the lack of foreign language skills was seen in the United States as a minor flaw that did not affect much except one's ability to read a sign in a foreign land. Until now.

The economic and political situation on the eve of the year 2000 demands from businesses and employees the ability to make fast, informed and often complex decisions in a constantly changing and increasingly diverse world. Despite the availability of McDonald's burgers and Pizza-Hut's pizza in many areas of the globe (and maybe largely because of it), nations and regions are determined to keep their own language, culture and ways of doing business.

Giants like China, Russia, Eastern Europe, and Mexico have opened up politically and economically and will most certainly become major players in the international arena. The countries of Western Europe continue to look for ways of reinventing their role.

In this context the U.S. is currently facing a crisis, lacking people who can speak foreign languages. The end of the Cold War, ironically, marked a decline in interest by Americans in learning foreign languages precisely at the time when the connection between the U.S. and formerly "closed" countries increased.

Many colleges abandoned their programs of Slavic, Chinese and other languages. However, every day the U.S. sends missionaries, consultants, construction workers, nurses, economists, and businessmen overseas on a variety of missions. The problem is that not only do most of them not speak the language of their destination, but that there are not enough people who can provide basic language training for them in the United States.

The situation is especially severe with East European languages.

According to the National Foreign Language Center (NFLC), "student interest in Eastern European languages is declining at the same time as a variety of government and non-government organizations are training more personnel in these languages than ever before in response to an increase in current and anticipated needs."

The NFLC goes further to emphasize the need in learning Russian by saying "We risk losing our capacity to produce Russian language competency on a sufficient scale, thereby posing grave danger to our present and future expertise in relations with Russia."

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HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

Question: We recently purchased some mini-hammocks at a yard sale to take camping with us. They'll be great for the children to rest in. My neighbor said she heard they are not safe for small children. Why is this?

Signed: A frequent camper

Answer: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission warns everyone that children can get trapped and strangle in some of the mini-hammocks. In fact, two children have died and another was injured while using the hammocks.

Mini-hammocks are small and light weight. They have no spreader bars and can be folded easily. These hammocks are easily transported so are popular among campers and backpackers. They are also inexpensive at around \$10 each and have no identifying marks once they are removed from the original packages.

If these hammocks are rigged too high off the ground, children will have difficulty climbing into them and may become trapped or entangled in the roping or the mesh. This can lead to strangulation.

To prevent injury to young children, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends hanging these hammocks close to the ground. This prevents a child hanging by the neck from the hammock since his feet will touch the ground and also make it easier for a child to get in or out without incident.

Historically speaking...



TROOP 72 -- No, you're not experiencing *deja vu*... this is the same photo that ran in last week's edition. One of our alert readers brought to our attention that the photo had been cropped too closely, leaving out some of the scouts. We apologize for the oversight. Shown here is Grayling Boy Scout Troop 72 in 1934 just two years into its birth. Front row: Bill Meilstrup, Don Feldhauser, Joe Cochanski, Edward Martin, Walter SanCartier, John Mathews, Paul Lovely; Middle Row: Jack McClain, George Smith, Arthur Decker, Bob Herbison, Chuck McNamara, Einer Tahvonen, Theon Deckrow, Fred Westerholm, Tracy Nelson; Back Row: Bill Joseph, Fred Welsh, John Henry Peterson, Tom Welsh, Wayne Nellist, Bill Kraus, Bill Stock, Walter Skingley, Forrest Brado.

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BRIEFS

Baptist academy full for 1999-2000

Calvary Baptist Academy (C.B.A.) of Grayling did not announce or hold public registration for the 1999-2000 school because the school is at full enrollment. Many students were turned away. C.B.A. does not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, etc. Priority for all future enrollment will be given to families attending Calvary Baptist Church, students previously enrolled, and kindergartners. For more information, call school Supervisor Mike Corlew at 348-7607 or Pastor Barnett at 348-2264.

Mercy auxiliary to hold annual book fair

The Grayling Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Book Fair on Thursday, August 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, August 27 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Hospital Gallery. Proceeds will benefit the Music Lending Library at the hospital.

Wellington hosts third Flatbelt Festival

Wellington Farm Park will host its third annual Flatbelt Festival August 28-29, featuring tractors, engines, old farm stuff, flea market, craft show and all kinds of old-fashioned farm activities and games. Each day at 3 p.m. a big machinery parade will take place. The park is located on Military Road, south of Four Mile Road. For more information, call 1-888-653-3276 or e-mail to: howard@freeway.net.

Middle School schedules orientation

On Thursday, August 26, beginning at 6 p.m., the Grayling Middle School will be hosting an orientation for 6th grade students and parents.

Red Cross blood drive scheduled

The Crawford County Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for Wednesday, September 1, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 106 S. James Street in Grayling.

Retired federal employees plan meeting

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305 will meet Thursday, September 2 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., with business meeting starting at about 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses, and surviving spouses.

Hunter education class to be held in Mio

A Hunter Education Class will be conducted September 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; September 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and September 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Mio Moose Lodge. Participants in the class must be 12 years old by March 31, 2000. To register or for more information, call the Bear Paw Lodge at (517) 826-3313.

Donate to garage sale, help missionary

Be a part of Mission 2000. Help send Chris Kenney to Panama next February by donating items to a Monster Garage Sale, August 27-28. Items can be dropped off at 603 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling. All clean saleable items are welcome. Volunteers are also needed to set up, handle sales and clean up afterwards. This will be Kenney's second trip to Panama to perform missionary work with children and families. They now belong to the church that was built during her last trip. For more information, call Jean or Chris at 348-1267.

Michelson plans all-you-can-eat lunch

An all-you-can-eat soup, sandwich, salad, and dessert luncheon will be held Thursday, September 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Cost is \$4.50 per person, take out will be available, and everyone is welcome.

SHARE prices to increase next month

Local organizers of the SHARE community service/food program announced they have been notified by their headquarters in Lansing that food prices will increase in September. The price of the Traditional, Quick Prep and meat packages will increase by \$2 each. The extra meat package will increase by \$1. Anyone with questions about the increases or the SHARE program may call Dee at 348-8783 or Joanne at 348-4416.

Frederic High School graduate celebrates 100th birthday



100 YEARS YOUNG – Ruth Van Natter, formerly of Maple Forest Township and a graduate of Frederic High School, attended Heritage Day at the Crawford County Historic Museum on August 14. She was born August 26, 1899 to Rufus and Pauline (Schreiber) Edmonds, making her 100 years old. A party is planned by her family on Sunday, August 29 in Cadillac where she currently resides.

Donors receive pins at last blood drive

A Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion in Grayling.

Donors must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is always a big need for blood, especially during the holiday season fast approaching. Type "O" blood is most in demand.

At what the local chapter of the Red Cross said was a "very successful" drive in July, the following pins were awarded: One gallon - Michael

Ammon; Six gallons - Kenneth Halstead; Ten gallons - Gerald Phillips. First time donors in July were: Annabelle Armstrong, Sgt. Terrance Hillier, John Kampf and Amanda Love.

Volunteer pins were awarded for: 30 years - Clara Sorenson; 15 years - Jean Potter, Marian Frankenfield; Rita Schlehuber and Tom Welch; 10 years - June Rause; Five years - Rowena Billsby, Ann Hamlin, Pat Essiambre and Louie Essiambre.

For more information, call 348-2821.

Late soccer registrations accepted

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) is still accepting applications for their fall soccer program at Hanson Hills.

Late registration fee is \$25 and \$8 additionally if a jersey is needed.

Soccer games will be played on the outfield of the softball field this season while the newly seeded soccer fields are prepared for next spring.

Play begins Saturday, September 11. The season lasts six weeks and ends on October 16.

Register at the Grayling

Recreation Authority offices located at Hanson Hills Recreation Area or call Joe Lehman at 348-2292.

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THURS 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 p.m. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 a.m. to 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 p.m. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •SINGLES, at 123 Lake St., Prudenville at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions you can call Betty at 821-8529.
FRI 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 p.m. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
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SUN 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 p.m. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 p.m. @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 p.m. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GRAYLING AL-ANON MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 p.m. Call Thelma H. 344-2043 for info.
WED 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 p.m.; meeting, 5:30 p.m. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •AUSABLE QUILT GUILD meeting @ St. John's Church, 10 a.m.

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Paul Harvey, in an article entitled: "IF I WERE THE DEVIL" gave us some realistic observations. He said, "I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world; I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort, instead of God's blessings; I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around; I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue; I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership; I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies; I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient; I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the life of animals are valued more than human beings; I would take God out of the schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a lawsuit; I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young, and I would get sports heroes to advertise them; I would get control of the media so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family member for my agenda; I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation and promote homosexuality as a normal acceptable lifestyle; I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable. If the

family crumbles, so does the nation; I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it art; I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals, and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled; I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct; I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and the Bible is for the naive; I would dull the minds of Christians, and make them believe that prayer is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional; I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are." -- Paul Harvey--

Satan does appear in control of our nation today. This is in sharp contrast to the faith of our founding fathers in the divine leadership of our nation. "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts in the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step, by which they have been advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency." -- George Washington

Has America turned from God?

(Jeremiah 2:32) "Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number." (Jeremiah 13:25) "This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood." (Isaiah 5:14) "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and open her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it." (Psalms 9:17) "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." American desperately needs a spiritual revival from God, or we will surely perish!

Pastor "B"

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Very simply, we must strive to have that kind of love and trust in our Master. God supplies us with our needs before we know of them. Is that not the most loving Master of all? Matthew 6:8 assures us...

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Diocese plans groundbreaking ceremony for new pastoral and educational center

The Diocese of Gaylord will take another step toward completion of a new 34,000 square foot Diocesan Pastoral and Education Center with a Blessing of Groundbreaking on Tuesday, August 31. The ceremony will take place at the construction site just northeast of St. Mary Cathedral on North Street in Gaylord at 3:30 p.m.

The Most Reverend Patrick R. Cooney, Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, issued an open invitation to the groundbreaking saying, "We are really pleased to reach this stage in the project and I am hopeful

many will join us to share in the celebration and anticipation as we prepare for actual construction."

Earlier this week a letter of intent was forwarded to Hallmark Construction of Traverse City informing the firm of its selection as the general contractor for the project.

The notice followed a formal bid process involving companies from throughout northern lower Michigan.

"The area of the Diocese encompasses the 21-most northern counties of the lower peninsula," Cooney

said. "From the beginning we felt it was important that local firms -- that is, those located within our region -- be given the opportunity to be involved in the project."

Letters announcing the construction project with an invitation to bid were sent to 16 general contracting firms by Tad Latuszek, DEM Architect of Gaylord, architectural firm for the new building. More than 80 sets of plans were distributed to companies requesting information, with two general contractors submitting final bids. Hallmark was selected on the basis of cost and time of completion.

When completed, the main floor of the new Diocesan Pastoral and Educational Center will house Diocesan and Cathedral staffs, the Rose Resource Center and a large conference facility with a capacity of 600. The lower level will contain the Diocesan Archives, smaller meeting rooms and areas devoted to communications, including studio, editing and production. Plans for the lower level also include space for distance learning classes and interactive teleconferencing.

The building is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in September of 2000.

Davenport College announces recent staff changes, promotion

role in the coming year.

Kari Trudeau joins Davenport as its new Straits Area Center Coordinator. The Straits Area Center opened August 2 in Cheboygan and is Davenport's fourth Northern Michigan Center.

Trudeau will be in Cheboygan to offer area students the same service focused educational opportunities as Davenport currently has in Gaylord, Traverse City and Ludington.

Davenport College is the largest independent college system in Michigan offering degrees in Business, Allied Health, and Legal Studies. Davenport operates 14 campuses/centers and serves 15,000 students. For information about Davenport's Northern Michigan Operations contact John Czarnecki, Director of Northern Michigan Operations at (517) 731-2850.

Highlights of the tour include Verdi's *La Traviata* performed by the Prague State Opera; the Prague Symphony Orchestra; Johann Strauss' *A Night in Venice* at Vienna Folksoper; Wagner's *Rienzi*; and Verdi's *Requiem* performed by Budapest's State Opera. The Berlin tour will feature Bellini's *Norma* and Mozart's *The Magic Flute* as well as a performance by the Berlin

Orchestra featuring works by Beethoven and Mendelssohn.

Sightseeing tours and plenty of free time are built into the itinerary. Accommodations are provided at 4- and 5-star hotels. A full buffet breakfast and lunch or dinner each day are also provided. The deadline for registration is September 1.

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State-of-the-art open heart surgery offered in northern Michigan

A cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon who joined Northern Michigan Hospital in late June has performed the first open heart surgery on a beating heart -- without using a heart-lung machine -- at the Petoskey-based medical complex.

The procedure, similar to conventional open heart surgery, is not performed at any other medical facilities in northern Michigan and perhaps within the state and was recently featured on the television program "Dateline" as state-of-the-art, advanced heart care.

Dr. Brad E. Vazales has successfully performed the innovative procedure on seven patients as of late July. The new procedure is one of many "firsts" in Northern Michigan Hospital's 25-year history as a pioneer in heart care.

"Coronary artery bypass graft without using the heart-lung machine has been an area of interest to me personally for some time," Dr. Vazales said.

Prior to coming to Petoskey, Dr. Vazales and his colleagues performed the procedure on numerous patients from his private practice in Lancaster, PA in conjunction with Lancaster General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Coronary bypass surgery involves the use of a patient's artery or vein, or both, to redirect blood flow around blocked coronary arteries. this

improves the oxygen delivery to the heart muscle, allowing it to function better.

During open heart surgery without the heart-lung machine, the heart and lungs continue to function normally. The surgery is similar to the procedure when the heart-lung machine is used, however smaller areas of the heart are isolated and special instrumentation is used to work on one vessel at a time, Dr. Vazales said.

"The procedure is technically more demanding but offers advantages for the patient," the new cardiothoracic surgeon said.

According to The Society of Thoracic Surgeons journal, the advantages are less mortality, less morbidity, no need for homologous blood, less cost, and less hospitalization time. Disadvantages include that the procedure is technically more demanding for the surgeon and anesthesiologist and can be done in only one-fifth of the cases.

"Although we have this (procedure) available, we have to apply it carefully and to the appropriately selected group," Dr. Vazales said. "So far at this medical complex, I have been able to use this technique on 50 percent of the bypass patients."

Recovery of patients appears to be enhanced in terms of less discomfort following the surgery and an earlier return to normal activity such as work.



MEDICAL FIRST -- Dr. Brad Vazales (left), of Northern Michigan Hospital, was the first to perform open heart surgery on a beating heart without the use of a heart-lung machine.

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Marine unit trains at Camp Grayling

This month, Camp Grayling is serving as the site of annual training for the Marine Wing Support Group 47 (MWSG-47) based out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. MWSG-47 began Battle Skills Training at the camp on August 14. The training includes weapons qualification, land navigation and patrolling exercises.

The unit will also conduct a special operations training known as Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO), which will simulate the rescue of personnel from a threatened U.S. Embassy.

The NEO exercise will start at the Grayling Army Airfield with the simulated embassy located on main camp.

From there, the non-combatants will be evacuated to a field processing site in north camp and then regroup at the Air Field.

The annual training period will culminate with a "Humanitarian Assistance" exercise.

Along with the 200-plus Marine contingent, the Marines will utilize three CH-53 Super Stallion helicopters and one C-130 Hercules aircraft during this training period.

The CH-53 Super Stallion was the helicopter used in the rescue of Captain Scott O'Grady, the downed F-16 pilot in Bosnia during June of 1995.

Plans for the training also called for the use of Harrier jets. The Harrier is the only jet that takes off vertically, can hover, and move backwards in the air.

Plans were in place to conduct an aerial demonstration at the Camp Grayling parade field; however, due to a mechanical problem the Harriers are grounded and will not be part of the exercise.



(Above) The CH-53 Super Stallion will be one of the aircraft used by the Marine Wing Support Group 47 at Camp Grayling this month for the group's annual training. (Right) A pair of CH-53's refuel in mid-air behind a KC-130.

Photos courtesy of Camp Grayling



RANGE FIRING

Camp Grayling Range Firing scheduled, during August 25 through August 31:

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Range 40 Complex, located North of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State

Rd. 618, and west of County Rd F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Military maneuvers and artillery firing conducted.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County

Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Tank gunnery.

In addition, the following roads will be closed August 25 - August 27 and August 29 - August 31:

- Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

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First phase of improvements complete at Hanson Hills

The first phase of planned improvements to soccer and softball fields, as well as playground area at Hanson Hills Recreation Area have been completed.

This preliminary phase included seeding, levelling, and irrigation of the new soccer field and existing softball field areas by way of a new well and pump.

Director of the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), Cindy Olson, said the improvements will help provide safe and attractive facilities for the more than 200 children and families that participate in soccer programs, and the 100 or so people who play softball at Hanson Hills. The soccer fields will be ready for use next spring.

The total cost of the first phase of the project is over \$29,285. Donations to date have come in from Grayling Township, GRA and the GRA Soccer Steering

Committee. GRA is currently \$2,200 short of their goal. Fundraisers are being planned to help make up the shortage, including a concert and a submarine sandwich sale.

GRA will host a concert on Sunday, September 12 featuring "Overdrive," performing 60's, 70's, and 80's classic rock from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$6 or six for \$28.

The seasonal submarine sandwich sale will be under way Saturday, September 11. Any child in the GRA soccer program will be selling sandwiches.

The second phase of the project targeted for spring 2000, is to overset the outfield and install new infield on the softball field. Seeding and irrigation of the playground area is also included in this phase. The projected cost of phase two is \$10,000.

Grayling man named MSP commander in Alpena

Michigan State Police Director Colonel Michael D. Robinson announced the promotion of Detective Sergeant Jeffery C. Anthony to first lieutenant and post commander of the Alpena Post. Prior to his promotion, he served at the Bridgeport Post.

As post commander of the Alpena Post, First Lieutenant Anthony oversees the daily activities of 19 troopers, three uniform sergeants, one detective sergeant, one motor carrier officer, and one cadet. The Alpena Post serves all of Alpena and Alcona Counties and is responsible for the Lincoln Detachment.

First Lieutenant Anthony enlisted with the department in February 1987 and graduated as a member of the 101st Recruit School. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Bay City Post.

In November 1993, he was assigned to the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) in Alpena as a detective trooper. In January 1995, he was promoted to detective sergeant and in May 1996, he was assigned to the Metropolitan Area Narcotics Team (MET) in Grand



F/Lt. Jeffery Anthony

Rapids. In November 1997, he was assigned to the Bridgeport Post as a sergeant and in March 1998, he was assigned as a detective sergeant to the Field Detective Division at the Bridgeport Post.

First Lieutenant Anthony holds an associate's degree in police administration from Kirtland Community College in Roscommon. A native of Grayling, First Lieutenant Anthony currently lives in Alpena.

Bradstreet to serve on national communications committee

State Representative Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, will serve on a national committee concerning communications and information policy.

House Speaker Charles Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, appointed Bradstreet to the National Conference of State Legislators Assembly on State Issues committee.

The assembly is comprised of several panels studying specific policy issues. The groups serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among state legislators. As a member of the communica-

tions policy committee, Bradstreet will play an integral role in developing and shaping key policy issues.

"The issues before state legislators today are challenging," Bradstreet said. "I am honored by the confidence the Speaker has shown in me to help address the important policy issues of our time."

The assembly sponsors three committee meetings annually, providing an exchange of information through timely and relevant policy studies.

"I anticipate exploring the issues we face and becoming a part of the solution," said Bradstreet.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Schedule of Activities at the Center this week:

August 26 - Blood pressure/blood sugar, 11 a.m. - noon; Out to Lunch Gang goes to Cadillac, bus leaves at 11 a.m.

August 27 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.; Share Pick up at the RLDS Church, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Hot dog sale at Glen's.

August 28 - Mio Fishing Day, bus leaves at 10:30 a.m.; Hot dog sale at Glen's; Picnic potluck at 2 p.m. - bring a dish to pass.

August 29 - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

August 31 - Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

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Your statement will display a year-by-year record of earnings your employer(s) has reported to Social Security and estimates of the benefits you and your family may be eligible for now and in the future. If you are self-employed, the earnings you reported to the Internal Revenue will also show up on your statement.

Unfortunately, some people plan their retirement finances around a benefit that's based on their highest five, or even three years of earnings. If that is the case, it's likely that your calculation will not be correct. When Social Security calculates your benefit amount it's based on

your average earnings over most of your working lifetime. Usually, that's the 35 years in which you earned the most money. That is not, however, the case with most government and private industry pensions. Benefits are often based on the employee's high five or high three years.

Read your Social Security Statement carefully and be sure to check your earnings history as it appears on the Statement. If you think there's a mistake, please let the Social Security Administration know right away. That's important because your Social Security benefits will be based on your lifetime earnings.

If you have questions about Social Security benefits, call, write or visit your local Social Security office or call this toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-325-0778.

You also can reach Social Security on the Internet at www.ssa.gov.

Card of Thanks

The Lovells Bridge Walk Committee wants to thank everyone who donated and participated in the Lovells Bridge Walk. We had a great time and a good turnout. The Gannon Broadcasting System beat us again, but we sure have fun trying. We'll get them yet.

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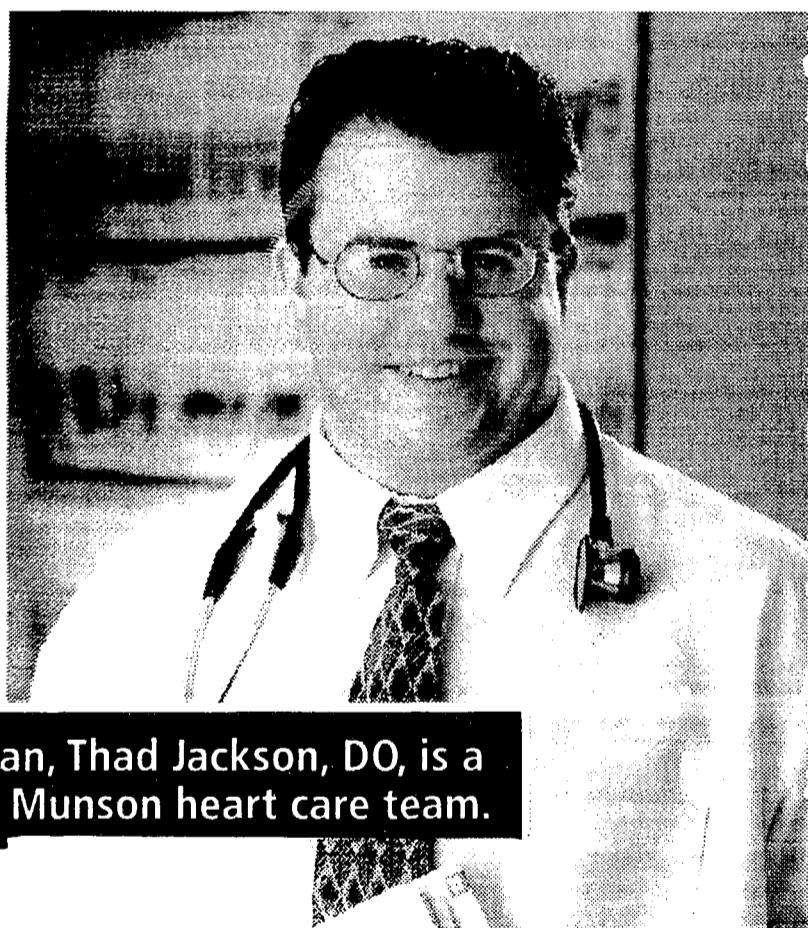


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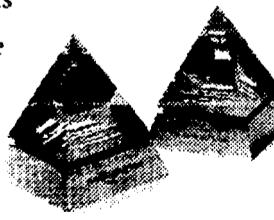
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Mushroom program offered through MSU Extension

An "Introduction to the Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms of Michigan" workshop will be conducted this fall in the mid-Michigan area.

This program will be held October 1 - 3, at the MSU 4-H Kettunen Center near Tustin, and is jointly sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and by Michigan Technological University.

The program consists of approximately eight hours of lecture, seven hours in the field and four hours in the lab.

The objectives of the workshop are to help participants: (1) understand and recognize the roles played by edible and poisonous mushrooms in forest ecosystems; and (2) learn how to safely and reliably find, collect, identify and prepare choice edible fungi. Techniques of mushroom cultivation are also introduced.

The program is scheduled during Michigan's peak fall mushroom-hunting season. Field trips traverse a variety of hardwood and conifer forests.

The experience is designed to benefit beginners and advanced participants alike through concurrent presentations. This program features an outstanding array of instructors well versed in the area of wild edible and poisonous fungi.

The cost for this workshop is \$160 per person or \$300 per couple. Returning participants, who have attended previous short courses, will be charged \$150 per person. Lodging costs are additional (\$78 per person at Kettunen Center).

Lodging costs covers both nights of the workshop, meals and assumes double occupancy. The Kettunen Center is a complete conference center located on 160 acres of natural terrain in Tustin, not far from Cadillac.

For more information about this program, please call the Crawford County MSU Extension office at (517) 344-3264.

Nowlin - Howard engaged

Betty Nowlin of Grayling announces the engagement of her son John L. Nowlin to Loretta E. Howard.

Wedding vows will be exchanged October 6, 1999.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Stephan Family Reunion

The Stephan Family Reunion, celebrating 120 years in America (Crawford County) was held Sunday, August 15, at the Beaver Creek Township Park with 132 people attending.

Out-of-state family members traveled to Grayling from North Carolina, Texas, Kentucky, Connecticut, Indiana and California for the event.

There was nearly a tie for the youngest attending between Yasmin Sariva, great-granddaughter of Yetive Stephan Szkotnicki, Grayling, and Jessica Mathewson, great-niece of Betty Mathewson Haslem, Grayling as both baby girls

were born on July 5, 1999, with Jessica being just a few hours younger!

For the eldest attending, at age 92, Grayling family members Florence Stephan and George Granger also nearly tied, with George being just a couple months older than Florence.

Another highlight of the day was the raffle of the Stephan Family quilted wall hanging, designed and hand-fashioned by Kathryn Garbe and Yetive Szkotnicki.

As a "warm-up" for the reunion, 45 family members gathered around a campfire at the AuSable River home of Mary Jane Jorgenson to roast marshmallows and visit the visit on Saturday evening.

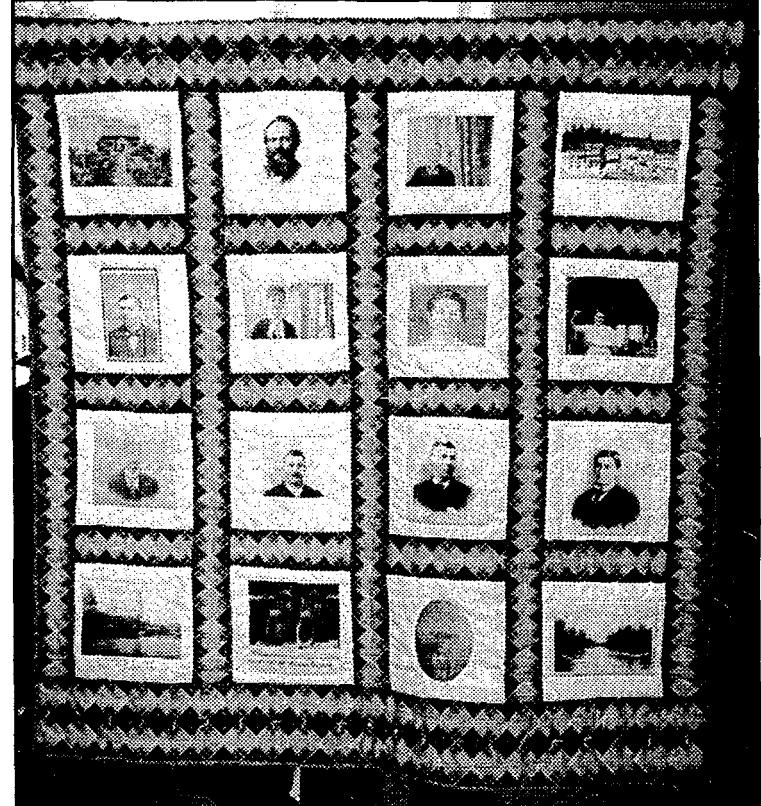


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FAMILY QUILT -- This quilt, which was made by Kathryn Garbe and Yetive Szkotnicki, features members of the Stephan family and landmarks important to the Stephens. It was raffled off at the family's reunion on August 15.

Interlochen radio hosts fall European music tour

This fall you can hear some of the best music central Europe has to offer on Interlochen Public Radio's Fall Tour to Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

The tour takes place October 23 through November 3 with an optional 4-day tour to Berlin, November 3 - 7. The cost per person is \$3,995 for the 10-day tour and an additional \$1,795 for the Berlin portion.

Highlights of the tour include Verdi's *La Traviata* performed by the Prague State Opera; the Prague Symphony Orchestra; Johann Strauss' *A Night in Venice* at Vienna Folksoper; Wagner's *Rienzi*; and Verdi's *Requiem* performed by

Budapest's State Opera. The Berlin tour will feature Bellini's *Norma* and Mozart's *The Magic Flute* as well as a performance by the Berlin Orchestra featuring works by Beethoven and Mendelssohn.

Sightseeing tours and plenty of free time are built into the itinerary. Accommodations are provided at 4- and 5-star hotels. A full buffet breakfast and lunch or dinner each day are also provided. The deadline for registration is September 1.

For more information, contact Roger Wight at Interlochen Public Radio, (231) 276-4407, or visit IPR's website at www.interlochen.org.

Michigan Quilt Network plans show in Boyne Falls

Show September 17 and 18, from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Boyne Mt. Resort Conference Center, Boyne Falls.

Featured in the quilt show will be award winning quilts from past Keepsake Quilt Challenges and nautical quilts by MQN members throughout the state. A vendor mall will feature fabrics and quilting related supplies. Both the Quilt Show and Vendor Mall are open to the public with a \$3 entrance fee.

Michigan Quilt Network (MQN) is a statewide organization of quilt guilds, shops and independent members dedicated to quilting preservation, communication and education. Region 2 members from the northern lower peninsula will host this year's conference at Boyne Mountain. It will feature programs and workshops by nationally recognized quilters. These activities plus the quilt show are open to MQN members registered for the conference. For MQN membership and registration information, please contact Nancy Ehinger at (517) 345-2418.

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Don't let your child be a heart attack waiting to happen

There are no shuffleboard games or talk of arthritis at this cardiology clinic, where people are trying to lower their cholesterol and stave off a heart attack. Because while their problems are more typical of the geriatric crowd, these heart patients are still studying geometry and playing nintendo. They're kids.

Studies have firmly established that kids who have cholesterol, blood pressure and weight problems grow up to be adults with a higher risk of heart-related illness. And scientists have reported that they can find cholesterol deposits in the arteries of children as young as 10.

So, with heart disease at No. 1 on the list of adult killers, doctors are paying more attention to the importance of starting kids on a heart-healthy path early. An ounce of prevention in childhood, they hope, will cut down on the number of grownups who need a pound of cure.

At the University of Michigan Health System, kids who are most at-risk for heart problems later in life are learning exactly that kind of prevention at a new clinic designed just for them.

Called the Pediatric Cardiology Prevention Clinic, the center works with children and teens who have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, weight problems or a family history of premature heart attacks and strokes.

"The goal of our clinic is to help reduce the risk factors for cardiac disease in our patients. We teach the patients and their families ways to change their lifestyle so they can decrease their risk of developing

heart disease later," says Caren Goldberg, M.C., M.S., one of the center's three doctors.

Goldberg's colleague, Margaret Samyn, M.D. says the clinic is unique because each child sees a doctor, a nutritionist and an exercise physiologist on each weekly visit.

"We take on the role of being the advocates for the kids. We try to explain to them in terms they can understand why it's important that they have a healthy lifestyle as children, so they can avoid heart attacks and strokes and things that their parents or grandparents might have had," she says.

Each Friday, the clinic's physicians are on the lookout for development of early heart problems and signs of more serious disease, including kidney and thyroid problems. The nutritionist works with the children and their parents to design a better diet that can help them lose weight and reduce cholesterol and blood pressure.

Meanwhile, the exercise physiologist encourages the whole family to engage in physical activity, and teaches the child or teen to keep track of his or her exercise habits in a diary.

Through the repeat visits, the young patients develop a friendly relationship with each clinic staff member. This breaks down the fears that usually accompany a trip to a heart specialist, and frees the kids to ask questions and share information openly. Tests, medications and other potentially scary things are reserved for more serious cases.

"I think the biggest challenge of the clinic is instilling in the patient a

desire to actually have a healthy lifestyle," explains Samyn. "Kids will come in and say, 'My friends are having French fries, and I don't want to have a salad -- I feel like a freak having to eat salads all the time.'"

That kind of societal pressure to indulge in unhealthy eating habits, combined with the increased tendency for kids to spend time on passive activities like computer games and television, is exactly what's putting American kids at risk for later heart attacks, she says. Even moderate obesity can increase the chance of problems as an adult. But gradual weight loss through diet and exercise can keep at-risk kids from following their parents' path.

When it comes to teenagers, smoking is another major risk factor that the clinic's professionals look to curb. As with weight, they urge gradual reduction in the amount a teen smokes each day - making it easier to quit for the long term. Says Samyn: "We ask the kids to do it step by step, one cigarette at a time, and to come in and tell us the progress that they've made."

All in all, both doctors say, the clinic puts the emphasis on working with at-risk kids, teens and parents to stop heart problems before they start. "It is much easier to change those lifestyle habits - to learn a healthy diet and to learn exercise habits - during childhood," says Goldberg. "Childhood is the time to begin to prevent adult-onset cardiovascular disease."

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Facts from the American Heart Association and the Centers for Disease Control:

- Nearly half of American youth ages 12-21 are not vigorously active on a regular basis.

- The percentage of American kids aged 6-11 who are overweight ranges from 9.2 percent to 17.4 percent. The rates are only slightly lower for ages 12-17.

- One in three men can expect to develop a major cardiovascular problem before the age of 60; the figure is 1 in 10 for women.

- An estimated 1.1 million Americans will have a new or recurrent heart attack this year, and about one-third will die from them.

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Internet medical information: Is it safe and reliable?

A new study done at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center concludes that although vast amounts of good information can be found on the World Wide Web, inaccuracies do exist and Internet surfers must carefully consider the source and age of the text.

Medical consumers are more knowledgeable and involved in their own care than they used to be, thanks in part to the Web. While the Internet is a wonderful tool to search for medical information, individuals need to screen the information for its reliability.

Health care providers agree that an informed patient is a better

patient. "An informed patient is a patient who's more interested in being involved in their medical care, about making decisions with their doctor, and is more likely to adhere to the treatment that their doctor prescribes because they want to get better and they have knowledge that enables them to comply with the doctor's recommendation" explains J. Sybil Biermann M.D., director of Orthopedic Oncology in the U-M Health System.

"The Internet has become a very important part in the patient education process. Unfortunately, very little was known about what was on the Internet and how patients were accessing that information. Although there's been quite a bit of discussion, there's been very little quantitative data," Biermann said.

Biermann and colleagues looked at medical information about a particular disease on the Internet in a systematic way, approaching it as a patient would, using search engines and narrowing topics to filter the information.

Overall, the investigators found pretty good information. But they also found some very serious misinformation including mortality and survival rates, types of tumors and outdated information regarding diagnosis of the disease.

There are a multitude of sources for medical information, from chat rooms to sources from renowned medical institutions, and everything in between. That is good, Biermann says, but it also means that the responsibility for filtering the information, assessing the credibility of sources and choosing what to believe is up to the individual doing

the search.

Another source of concern, Biermann says, is the availability of prescriptions or prescription medications directly through the Internet. "Prescription medicines are just that: *prescription medicines*," she says. "Such medications need to be regulated due to contraindications or drug interactions, and individuals taking them need to be monitored by a physician. Internet prescriptions are, in general, a fairly dangerous practice."

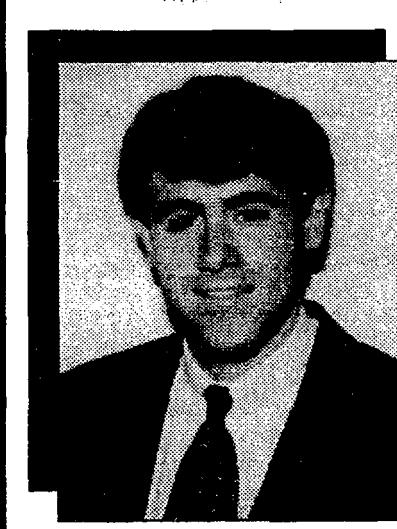
The Internet, Biermann says, is a very powerful tool - but one that should be looked at as one option. "It is not the be all, end all and it's not the definitive source," she said. "Patients really can benefit from using the Internet at virtually any phase of their treatment. It even has very helpful information for preventative medicine."

"Still patients need to recognize the Internet is only a tool where they can obtain information from - information that will then be interpreted in the context of their own health care, by their physician or health

care provider," she said.

If you don't have a computer and would like health information, call TeleCare at 1-800-742-2300 category 1000.

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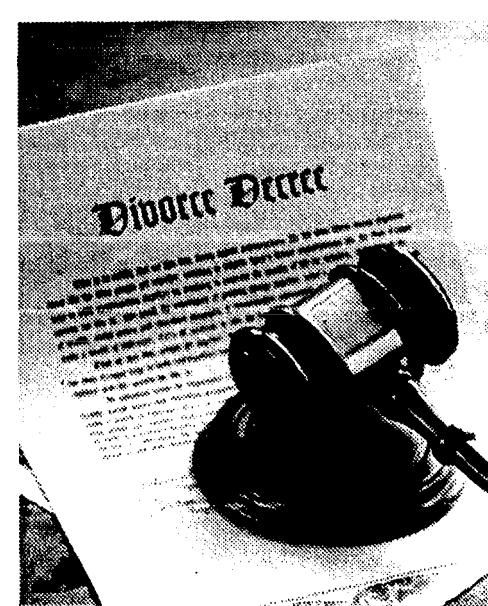
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by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
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Signed: Mrs. Potato-head

Answer: Adding exercise to your daily routine may be easier than you think and not really all that difficult. Studies have shown that performing a half hour of activity on most days of the week can improve your health immensely, make you feel better, and even help you live a longer, healthier life. Don't discount what you are already doing. Even simple everyday activities can be beneficial, such as vacuuming the house, raking the yard, washing the windows, scrubbing the tile, waxing the car, etc. Here are a few suggestions

to get everyone moving:

- Try to make physical activity be your evening entertainment. Take a long walk by a lake or through the neighborhood. Or bicycle or roller blade.

- Involve the kids. This will help them get moving and show them that exercise can be fun. Suggest playing hide and seek, volleyball, jump rope, or play tag.

- Invent some family projects. Make a family garden together, clean the garage, walk to the library, build a playhouse, take a nature hike or paint the house.

Once you make exercise part of your daily routine, it will seem strange to just sit. And, if the kids are also in the habit, they can keep Mom and Dad exercising on a regular basis.

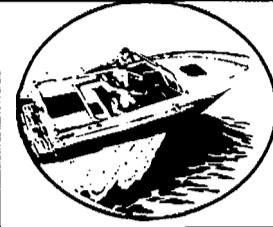
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OBITUARIES**Gerald E. Woodworth**

Gerald E. Woodworth, 88, died August 17, 1999, at Tendercare Nursing Home, Gaylord.

Mr. Woodworth was born, May 8, 1911, in Muskegon, to Fred R. and Ida M. (Dutcher) Woodworth. He married Barbara (Gurney) Woodworth, March 19, 1971 in Berkley. He enjoyed refinishing antiques and woodworking projects.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Ida Woodworth, one brother and one sister.

Survivors include: his wife, Barbara A. Woodworth of Grayling; one daughter, Rebecca Lintin of Metamora; two sons, Gerald E. Woodworth Jr., of Lake Orion, Tracy Woodworth of Auburn Hills; two stepdaughters, Denise Cutlip of Ypsilanti, Janet (Allen) Krist-Finkbeiner of Royal Oak; two stepsons, Bill (Lisa) Cutlip of Bath, Maine, and Dan (Debbie) Cutlip of Warren; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday, August 23 at St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling, with Pastor Robert Faber officiating. Interment of Ashes will be at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy in September.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

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August 18, 1996

Today our hearts are heavy. We are again reminded of what we lost. Not a day goes by that we don't expect you to walk in the door. Now the door stands empty.

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Geneva Lucille Grieves

Geneva Lucille Grieves, 94, of Tampa, Florida, died August 16, 1999, in Tampa.

Mrs. Grieves was born March 26, 1905, in Sandusky, to Henry and Nellie (Hall) Johnson. She married in Detroit and was a homemaker. She operated a country store in West Branch. Mrs. Grieves was a member of the Lovells Community Chapel, and the Lovells Chapel Guild. She resided in Lovells and Tampa, Florida, splitting time each year between the two communities.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arthur Grieves; three children, Muriel McKinna, Howard Kaake, and William Kaake; one brother, Harold Johnson.

Survivors include her son, Melvin (Ruth) Kaake of Carlsbad, New Mexico; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mildred Johnson of Grayling; two nieces and one nephew.

Graveside services will be held Friday, September 24 at 3 p.m. at Lovells Cemetery with Reverend D. Dean Coursey officiating. Arrangements by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Carol Sue Fairbotham

Carol Sue Fairbotham, 52, of Grayling, died August 22, 1999, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Fairbotham was born December 15, 1946, in Grayling, to Edward and Violet (Ray) Sturdivant. She was a lifelong resident of Grayling and married Donald Fairbotham, December 28, 1964, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Violet Sturdivant, and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Fairbotham of Grayling; two daughters, Lisa Fairbotham and Brenda MacGregor, both of Grayling; two sons, William H. Fairbotham and David Edward Fairbotham both of Grayling; three grandchildren; four sisters; and two brothers.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from August 16 through August 23:

Three assault; one burglary; five larceny; one fraud; one property damage; one family/child; one liquor laws; 14 public peace; two OUIL/OUID; four citations; 14 health and safety (12 of which were animal control); one conservation; two miscellaneous crimes; two minors; three accidents; one non-traffic accident; one parking violation; two traffic safety; two false alarms; two hazardous conditions; two accident-other; two vehicle inspections; four civil/family trouble; six suspicious situations; one missing persons; two general assistance; 19 general non-criminal.

A total of 99 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Charles S. Light, son of Charles B. and Jean I. Light of Higgins Lake recently reported for duty with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

The 1986 graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School of Saginaw joined the Navy in July 1988.

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The web page has bullets to the left listing links to help improve services for all users.

Library Services list services available at the Crawford County Library from information on materials and services available to the gift policy.

Branch Libraries tells about the Lovells and Frederic Libraries hours, phone numbers, and addresses.

New Books lists new books available at the Crawford County Library in fiction, non-fiction, and audios.

Clicking on **Reserve Books** allows you to list two books you would like to reserve by e-mail. Clicking on **Crawford County Library** at the bottom of the page allows you to e-mail the director with your suggestions. For both links to work you need to have an e-mail account for yourself also.

InfoTrac and **First Search** are links to databases listing magazines, newspapers and other sources only available from the Crawford County Library location.

Regional Library Catalog allows you to search the Northland Library Cooperative, including the

Crawford County Library holdings, for books by author, title or subject. Please keep in mind this catalog is updated monthly by the various libraries. Also, if you find something, e-mail the director with your request by clicking on the **Crawford County Library** link.

Library Web Sites lists links to MEL-Michigan Electronic Library, Library of Michigan, Northland Library Cooperative and other libraries.

Search the Internet links you to a list of four search engines plus e-mail, yellow pages and newsgroup links.

For more information, call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214. Web site is: <http://nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/>

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 noon, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon-3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday-Tuesday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT**Sentencing for July, 1999****Honorable George Alexander:**

Lisa K. Wilkinson of Grayling - No Account Check - Sentenced to 90 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,882.87 restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund; and placed on 18 months probation.

Honorable Alton T. Davis:

Elizabeth Mae Pearson of Frederic - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 11 days previously served. 30 days to be served now, remainder held in abeyance.

Kenneth Raymond Sheren of Alanson - OUIL, 3rd - Sentenced to 23 to 60 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections; and ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

Ronald David Gildner of Grayling - Probation Violations - Sentenced to 50 days in jail, with credit for 27 days previously served; and was discharged from probation without improvement.

Mauro Anthony Pizzi of Grayling - Probation Violations - Sentenced to 210 days in jail with credit for 32 days previously served; and discharged from probation without improvement.

Richard Phillips of Tekonsha - CSC 2nd Degree - Sentenced to 36

months probation with electronic monitoring for the entire 36 months in lieu of jail.

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy:

Bryan Scott Pratt of Roscommon - CSC 3rd Degree - Sentenced to Sentenced to 60 to 180 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, and ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

Robert Lloyd Dingee of Roscommon - Probation Violations - Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 110 days; and discharged from probation without improvement.

Kenneth Allen Polley of Grayling - Assault Weapon - Sentenced to 240 days in jail with credit for 70 days previously served; ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$1,737.59 restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees; and was placed on probation for 36 months.

Ginger Ann Garnett of Mio - Breaking and Entering with Intent - Sentenced to 270 days in jail, 90 days to be served now, remainder held in abeyance, credit for 74 days previously served; ordered to pay \$240 court costs, \$3,241.45 restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees; and placed on probation for 48 months.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT NO. 10

District Health Department No. 10 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT:
Immunization Clinics: Call for information - 348-7800.

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Note: Cadillac Office Only

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session - Conducted in Cadillac Office Quarterly - September 28. Call (616) 775-9942 for appointment.

MERCY BIRTHS

Thomas and Lisa Johnson of Prudenville announce the arrival of Brittany Nicole Johnson born July 28.

Adam Brusch and Susie Johnson of Mio announce the arrival of Emily Sue Brusch born August 1.

Mark and Dawn Brookes of Roscommon announce the arrival of Katelynn Elizabeth Brookes born August 2.

Douglas and Dori Keene of Roscommon announce the arrival of Joshua Keene born August 3.

Michael and Carrie MacFalda of

Grayling announce the arrival of Jacob James MacFalda born August 5.

Mike and Cindy Tremi and big brother Steven, of Roscommon announce the arrival of Michael John Tremi born August 5.

James Serum and Roberta DeRogue of Higgins Lake announce the arrival of Joseph Robert Serum born August 10.

Mark Kinsey and Caroline Lamar of Lewiston announce the arrival of a baby girl born August 11.

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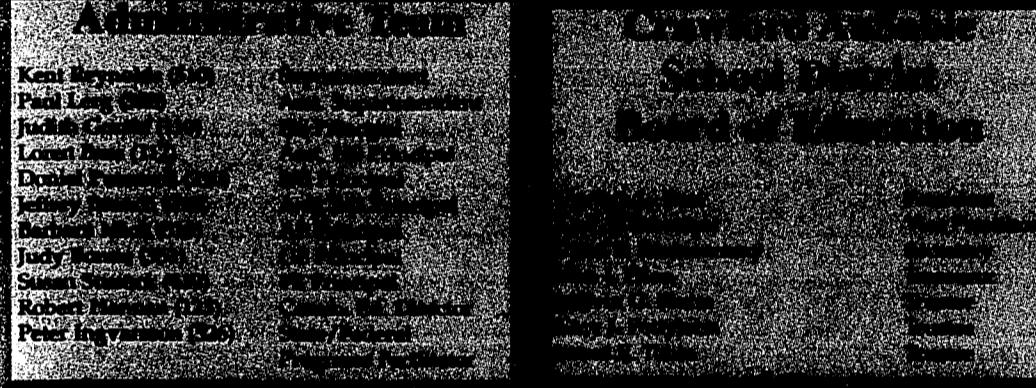
1999-2000 School Opening Announcements

SCHOOL OPENS: MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1999

SCHEDULE FOR OPENING WEEKS OF SCHOOL

School will be in session for all students Monday, August 30, through Friday, September 3. The Friday before Labor Day weekend will be a school day, not a vacation day. In an effort to ensure that the school year will end in early June, the calendar has been compressed with less vacation time. In addition, two "snow day" make-up days have been built into the calendar. This means that "snow day" make-up days will have to be added at the end of the year, in June, ONLY if the district has more than four "snow days." The first four will not have to be made up. The last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7.

All employees will meet in district and building organizational meetings and professional development programming on Thursday, August 26 and Friday, August 27. Conducting one of the district professional development days prior to the start of school means one day fewer without school in session during the school year.



ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS!

Parents are urged to register their children if they are new to the Crawford AuSable School District Thursday, August 26, and Friday, August 27. Students new to the district can report to the building they will be attending from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A current immunization record must be presented or contained in transfer records. At the Elementary level, the building principal will assign the student to a classroom and affect final enrollment. At middle school and high school levels, the student will be assigned a counselor who will assign a class schedule after reviewing transferred records and meeting with the student to discuss goals, interests, and past successes.

Michigan Requires Immunization For School Entry

Michigan law prohibits a principal or teacher from admitting new entrants to school without a record of having received at least one dose of each; measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. Records for all entering kindergarten students and students enrolled from outside the district will be reviewed to ensure immunizations are up to date. Notice will be sent to parents or guardians if there is no immunization record upon school entry or if records are incomplete. Students not in compliance with state immunization requirements will be excluded from school until documentation of immunization is presented. Parents may sign a waiver if they have a religious or other objection to immunization, or they may provide a statement of objection for medical reasons which was been signed by a physician. Michigan law requires that all students be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. Immunization can be obtained from your physician or health department.

AUTOMATED TELEPHONE SYSTEM - 348-5892

The Crawford AuSable School District combines live answering and automation. If you have a digital phone, or a pulse/tone switch on a touch pad phone, you may access the automated system by dialing 348-5892. The automated system will allow you to reach employees that have their own desk phones, or their voice mail. Also teacher and activity hotline recorded messages may be accessed. This is a 24-hour service.

If you have a rotary dial phone, or if you choose to go through the live answer switchboard, you may still dial 348-7641 to receive the district receptionist. Calls that are not answered in 30 seconds will automatically be routed through the automated system. The switchboard will only be available during normal school business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any other time, calls to the switchboard will be routed to the automated system.

Activity hotlines include information regarding school activities, cultural events, community education activities, district events and meetings, bus route problems, and school closings and emergency conditions. The messages are recorded regularly as events and activities dictate. Teacher hotlines include information regarding activities, assignments and directions in each teacher's classes. The messages are recorded during each weekend with information for the coming week.

All extension numbers for the automated system, including hotline numbers, are listed in the new school calendar information guide which was mailed to district residents in early August. For more information on the district's telephone system, dial the switchboard operator at 348-7641.

BUILDING USE BY OUTSIDE GROUPS

Persons or groups wishing to use school district facilities outside of the regular school day can call the Community Education Director at 348-7641, extension 123, or 348-5892, extension 120. A building request form will be provided and if the request is approved, a contract will be completed. It is the policy of the district to charge a fee for such use. Fees are based upon the cost of utilities, materials, and personnel to the district and upon the type of group using the facility. Requests for building use must be filed at least ten days prior to the date requested. Classrooms, cafeteria and gymnasium are available for use as is the Joseph Stripe Auditorium in the high school building. Requests for use during school hours must be processed through the building principal.

SCHEDULES

Building Start Times

The high school will start first, beginning at 8:15. The middle school will start at 8:35, the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary at 8:40, and the Frederic Elementary at 8:50.

First Day of School

Monday, August 30, 1999 - The first day of school will be a full day at all buildings. School will be in session for all students beginning Monday, August 30th.

High School New Student Orientation

Friday, August 27, 1999 - Orientation for high school freshmen, sponsored by the student council, will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

Notice

Friday, August 27, 1999 - All school offices will be closed from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. All school employees will be in a general school district meeting.

Daily Time Schedules

High School

1st Hour	8:15 - 9:03
2nd Hour	9:07 - 10:07
Channel One	9:56 - 10:07
3rd Hour	10:11 - 11:07
A Lunch	10:59 - 11:24
4A Hour	11:28 - 12:16
4B Hour	11:03 - 11:27 / 11:56 - 12:16
B Lunch	11:27 - 11:52
4C Hour	11:03 - 11:51
C Lunch	11:51 - 12:16
5th Hour	12:20 - 1:08
6th Hour	1:12 - 2:00
7th Hour	2:04 - 2:52

Middle School

Viking Time	8:35 - 8:47
1st Hour	8:47 - 9:33
2nd Hour	9:36 - 10:22
3rd Hour	10:25 - 11:11
4th Hour Channel One	11:14 - 11:26
4A Lunch	11:11 - 11:36
B Lunch	11:46 - 12:11
C Lunch	12:16 - 12:41
5th Hour	12:34 - 1:30
6th Hour	1:33 - 2:19
7th Hour	2:22 - 3:07

Grayling Elementary School and AuSable Primary

Pre-school - Grade 4	8:40 - 3:17
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Frederic Elementary School

Kindergarten - Grade 5	8:50 - 3:27
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1999-00 Calendar

August 26, 1999	Teacher Organizational Meetings
August 27	Professional Development NO SCHOOL
August 30	School Opens for All Students
September 6	Labor Day Vacation - NO SCHOOL
September 27	No School for Students - Staff Professional Development
October 25	1/2 Day Professional Development
October 29	End of Nine Week Marking Period
November 15	Opening Day of Deer Season NO SCHOOL
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Vacation - NO SCHOOL
December 23	School Closes at 11:30 for Winter Vacation (1/2 day)
January 3, 2000	School Resumes
January 21	End of First Semester - Students 1/2 Day - Teacher Records P.M.
February 21	Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
March 20	1/2 Day Professional Development
March 24	End of 3rd Nine-Week Marking Period
March 31	Spring Vacation Begins - NO SCHOOL
April 11	School Resumes
April 21	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
May 29	Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
June 3	Last Day of School - Students 1/2 day Teacher Records P.M.

1999-2000 Bus Routes

Transportation Supervisor
Mike Alma, Transportation Office,
348-7641 ext.160

Marilyn Alma - Bus #91-1 Pooh Bear - Margrethe Blvd. 7:27, Old Lake Rd. 7:43, Richard 7:48, Atkinson 7:50, Marshall 7:55, Old Lake 7:57, HS, MS, AP, GE.

Linda Cereilli - Bus #97-4 Elephant - 4 Mile Rd. 7:00, Staley Lake 7:08, Stephan Br Rd 7:15, Shaw Park 7:26, North Down River Rd 7:35, Wilcox Br Rd 7:45, M-93 7:55, HS, MS, AP, GE

Sherrie Cragg - Bus #97-5 Pig - Bobcat Tr. 7:25, Peter Rd. 7:26, Jones Lk 7:30, Wilcox Br Rd 7:36, Wintergreen 7:39, Wilcox Br Rd 7:40, Red Wing 7:42, Pinecrest 7:48, Crestwood 7:49, North Down River Rd 7:52, Beaver Island 7:55, HS pickup, HS, MS, AP, GE

Dave Englund - Bus #99-7 Jack in Box - North Down River Rd 6:50, Wakeley Br Rd 7:09, Spite 7:22, Whirlpool 7:35, Richardson 7:38, Headquarters Rd 7:44, Mobil Estates 7:55, HS pickup, HS, MS, AP, GE

Sharon Hadley - Bus #96-12 Duck - 612 7:01, F-97 7:13, North Down River Rd 7:15, Hideaway 7:16, Timberlane 7:19, Big Crk 7:25, Alpenhof 7:27, HS, MS, AP, GE

David Henion - Bus #94-3 Rabbit - Manistee River/Cameron Br Rd 7:25, Kalka Crk 7:28, Hubert 7:30, Kalka Crk, 612 W., May Lake 7:35, 27 S. Batterson 7:42, Sandy Tr. 7:44, 612 E 7:46, HS/MS pickup Town Hall 7:50, pick up HS/MS only, 27 S 7:53, HS, MS, AP, GE, Old 27 N, Elen pickup, FE

Tammy Henning - Bus #96-20 Dog - Old 27 6:45, Fletcher Rd. 6:50, Military 6:53, 7 Mile 6:55, Military 7:00, 5 Mile 7:05, Williams Trail 7:10, Old 27, S end of Oak 7:15, E. Beaver 7:17, W. Beaver 7:35, HS pickup 7:55, HS, MS, AP, GE

Lisa Howell - Bus #91-15 Frog - W. North Down River Rd 7:20, Vilas 7:23, Clough Sub 7:26, Roberts Rd 7:33, Ming Way 7:34, Roberts 7:36, Warner 7:37, Beaubien 7:38, Helen 7:39, Elmer 7:40, Dawn 7:41, Roberts 7:42, Lewiston Grade Rd 7:43, Timberly Village 7:45, Old 27 N 7:46, Banbury 7:49, Pembroke 7:50, Wellington 7:51, Airport Sub 7:54, HS 8:02, N Pure Ice Co 8:05, MS, AP, GE

Nancy Huckabee - Bus #99-19 Walrus - S. Grayling 7:00, Don 7:10, S Oak 7:14, Fletcher 7:18, S Oak 7:20, Old 27 7:22, 7 Mile 7:25, S Grayling 7:27, Old 27 7:30, 5 Mile 7:40, Old 27 7:45, 1-7 7:47, 1-7 5 Bus, Loop 7:50, Michigan Ave 7:55, Maple 7:56, Ottawa 7:57, HS pickup 7:59, HS, MS, AP, GE

Brian Hubert - Bus #99-9 Elmer Fudd - Peterson 7:00, Sherman/Feldhauser 7:05, Sherman/House 7:06, House/White 7:08, Marker, Peterson/Babbitt 7:16, Sherman/Krause 7:25, Cottonwood 7:35, Bradford Hill 7:40, Mt. Frederic 7:45, HS/MS pickup FE 7:50, HS, MS, AP, GE, FE

Margaret Nephew - Bus #89-16 Turtle - Stephan Br Rd 7:15, Stephan/M-72 7:20, Thendara/Black Bear 7:25, Louis Ldg 7:40, Fulton/Date 7:45, HS pickup, HS, MS, AP, GE

Jon Stevens - Bus #96-17 Lion - Townline Rd off F97 6:40, Boondock 6:55, Lovells 7:05, Bald Hill Rd 7:10, Twin Br Rd 7:15, KP Lake 7:25, M-93 7:35, Gardena 7:40, Sherman 7:45, Feldhauser 7:47, HS/MS pickup, FE, HS, MS, AP, GE, FE

Douglas Streichuk - Bus #92-12 Mouse - AuSable Tr 7:11, Wendy Ln 7:15, M-72 W/Maybellie 7:25, McIntyre Ldg 7:26, Regimental 7:28, Battalion 7:30, M-72 7:34, Eagle Pt 7:35, Elizabeth/Battalion 7:37, Danish Ldg 7:39, M-72 W:46, HS pickup, HS, MS, AP, GE

(To be hired) - Bus #90-13 Zebra - Evergreen 7:30, Pine Point 7:35, Old Dam 7:40, Arrowhead Ct 7:45, Robinhood Ln 7:50, M-72 7:52, HS pickup, HS, MS, AP, GE, Christian School 8:20

Tammy Hennig - 10:30 Mail Route All Buildings
JoEllen Ventline - 10:15 Hot Lunch, 11:45 HS to Kirtland (Tues/Thurs)

Jon Stevens - 5:30 Kirtland to HS (Tues/Thurs)

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Booster Club hosts Annual Picnic

The Grayling Youth Booster Club hosted its Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 15, at the Camp Grayling beach area, offering an opportunity for local people, Booster Club members and potential members, to have fun at the beach and enjoy an outdoor meal.

The Booster Club, which provides funds for all sorts of youth-oriented community activities, provided free food to picnic participants.



PICNIC LUNCH -- (Above)

At the Grayling Youth Booster Club Annual Picnic at Camp Grayling (left to right) Betty Kinsman, Cliff Hinderlong, Mike Brady, Jeannie Potter and Betty Mead enjoy a meal and good company. (Left) Jim Kinsman gets some "fixins" for his food. The event was held all day (12 noon to 5 p.m.) on Sunday, August 15. The picnic allowed Booster Club members a chance to relax outdoors, and possibly recruit a few new members into the ranks.

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GHS Football teams to open seasons this week

► Varsity team to start with Roscommon on Friday

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

Grayling High School's three football teams are gearing up for their respective season openers, which will be played this week.

The Varsity Football Team will open the 1999 season this Friday (August 27) with a home match against the Roscommon Bucks.

"The Roscommon game is always a good game," said Coach Rodney Patterson. "It's a good rivalry. It doesn't matter what each team has, with that kind of rivalry in there anybody can win the game."

"I've seen Roscommon on film and scouted them, they're very talented this year. Their quarterback is as good as any (quarterback) we'll see this year. And their middle linebacker is probably one of the best linebackers in Class B," said Coach Patterson.

"They're young and we're

young," he continued, "it's going to depend on how fast they can gel and how fast we can gel. The team that plays with the most intensity and the most fire will win the game."

The varsity team has 32 players this year, 12 of which are seniors. "We have a young team, we're starting a lot of juniors," said Patterson. "A lot is going to depend on how fast we can mesh and gel together."

Two juniors, Levi Burkett and Ryan Mahaffy, are currently competing for the quarterback spot. "We have two kids who can play the position," said Patterson. "Whoever is doing better at the time will play."

Having a relatively young team this year might put Grayling at a slightly greater disadvantage than years past, since the playoff expansion cut one week from the practice schedules of high school football

teams this season.

"We don't like the idea of starting earlier," Patterson said, since the team loses valuable practice time and scrimmage experience. "Only having one scrimmage is definitely going to hurt teams, not just us, but everybody."

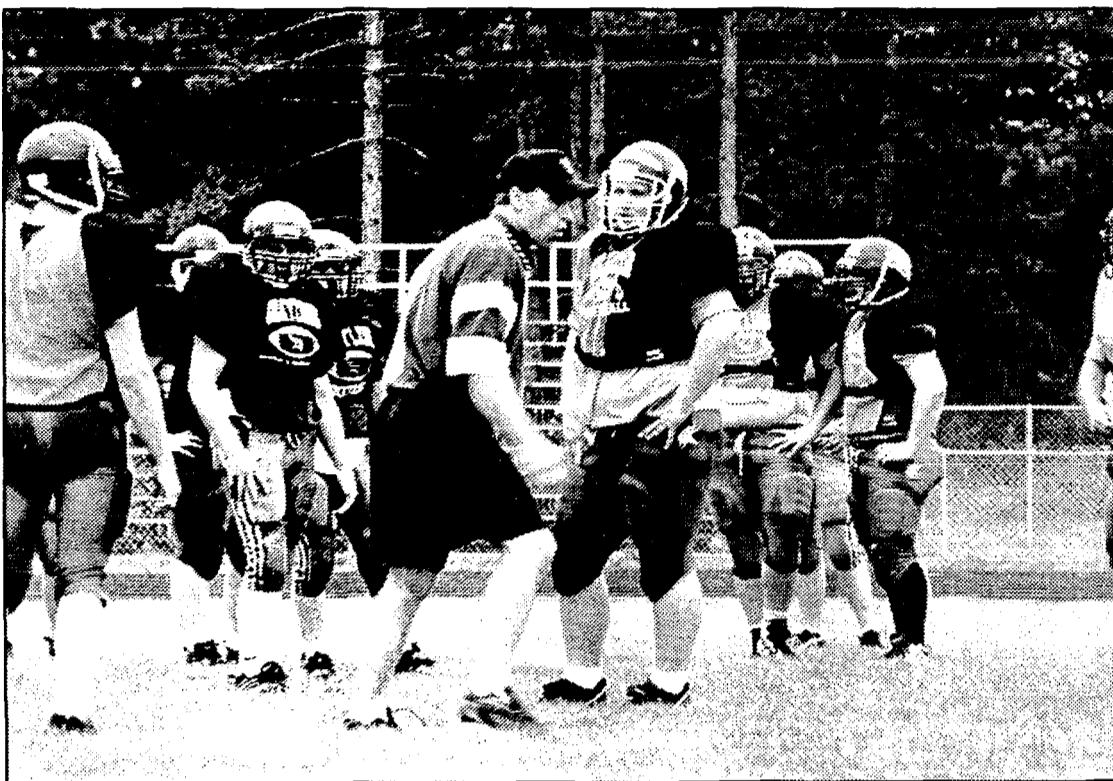
The varsity Vikings took part in its scrimmage last Friday, taking on East Jordan, Lake City and Ludington in East Jordan.

"We did some things good, but we have a lot of work to get ready for Roscommon," said Coach Patterson. ..

The Junior Varsity team, which opens its '99 season on Thursday, August 26, at Roscommon, has a sizeable squad at 29 players this year.

"The biggest thing about JV is that numbers are up, we have good numbers this year," said Patterson.

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(Above) Varsity Coach Rodney Patterson works with his Viking players during "Meet the Team," getting the squad ready for the upcoming season. The varsity football team will start the year with a home game versus Roscommon on Friday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Soccer team to open with Ogemaw Heights, Rosco

► All home games to be played in stadium, admission will be collected

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Boys Soccer Team, which won the conference and made it to the district finals last year, is going to take this season one game at a time, said Coach Karen Langseth.

"I try not to set goals like 'win the conference' or 'win the district,'" said Coach Langseth. "We take each game as an individual game, with a whole new set of goals. We just want to play the best soccer we can."

The GHS Boys Soccer Team won the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) last year with an 11-1 conference record. The team was 14-2-2 overall last season.

The Viking soccer team has 10 players returning from last year's squad, and a current total of 18 players overall.

"Our goal is to keep improving," said Langseth. "We have six new players at this time. We need to help get them ready, bring their skill level up."

The team started official practices last week, and did conditioning exercises the week before that.

This week, the team is taking part in its WAZA training clinic, which involves a series of workouts with a professional soccer

trainer. The team works on ball handling, trapping, passing and other soccer skills, and then applies those skills to match play under the guidance of the WAZA clinic trainer.

The soccer team is in its fourth year as a GHS varsity sport this season. "This'll be the first year where we will have four-year soccer players, graduating seniors," said Coach Langseth. "That's actually kind of exciting."

The Vikings will open the 1999 season with a conference game at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Monday, August 30.

For their first home game of the year, the Vikings will host the Roscommon Bucks on Wednesday, September 1.

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(Above) The GHS Junior Varsity Team runs a play in the Green and White scrimmage. The JV squad will start its season with a match at Roscommon on Thursday, August 26, and will play at home the following week against Houghton Lake.

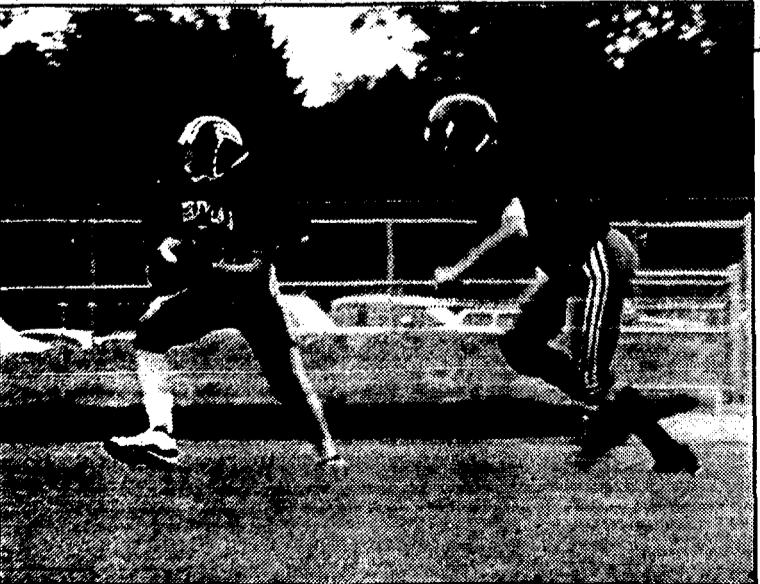


(Above) The Varsity team lines up for the snap at the Green and White Scrimmage. (Right) Varsity players work on their kick returning. This year's team is young, consisting of 20 juniors and 12 seniors. Teams lost one week of practice this year due to the expansion of play-offs.



(Above) GHS Soccer Team members work on their ball handling during WAZA training on Monday, August 23. (Right) Varsity player Kyle Langseth works on getting "500 touches," one of the drills the team worked on during WAZA training on Monday.

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Local ball players return from Europe

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Brick streets, a monkey park, a wooden shoe store, a royal castle, and "honk" (baseball) were just a few of the many sights and experiences local ball players Brad Gorski and Rusty Strohpaull took in during their recent trip to Europe.

The two athletes, both of Grayling, went to the Netherlands and Belgium as members of an all-star group of 16-18 year old baseball players representing the United States.

During their trip, which was the first overseas for both of them, Gorski and Strohpaull "saw a lot of different characters," as Gorski put it. "We were always doing something. We didn't really spend any time doing nothing."

The two spent much of their time in the Netherlands. When they weren't playing baseball, they traveled around on a tour bus and visited areas of interest with their respective teams. They got to spend time in Amsterdam, Haarlem and Appledorn, checking out such attractions as the historical Anne Frank house, a monkey park, and the summer home of the Dutch royal family.

Strohpaull and Gorski's stop at the Anne Frank house, which is now a museum, allowed them to view the actual handwritten diary that Frank kept during her family's ordeal.

In Appledorn, they went into a "monkey park," in which the small primates run freely, mixing with park visitors, the two explained. "It's crazy," Strohpaull said.

"They make you take off all your jewelry and chains and stuff before you go in," said Gorski, "because a lot of them (the monkeys) are pickpockets."

"You go in, and all of a sudden you're surrounded by monkeys," he continued. "They don't look very big, but they have big teeth."

Also in Appledorn, Gorski and Strohpaull got a chance to see the summer home of the Dutch royal family. "It was kind of like a movie," said Gorski, "you walk in and there's this big fountain with fish swimming around in it."

In Amsterdam, they got a tour of a diamond factory, where they observed the careful cutting of precious stones. They also toured the city, checking out the architecture and culture.

"The buildings over there are just cool," said Strohpaull, noting how the structures there tend to be tall and skinny, and there are no alleys between them.

Also, they mentioned, most people ride bikes for transportation in the city. "Gas was like \$6 a gallon American there," said Gorski.

While in Belgium, the two ball players went to a cheese factory and a village shoe shop, where wooden shoes were carved and sold. Strohpaull noted that the cheese factory was powered by several large windmills, which was interesting.

"Out of all the places we went I liked Belgium the least," said Strohpaull, because it was "dirty" and there was a lot of garbage in the streets.

On an overall level, the two said they didn't have too much trouble adjusting to European culture.

"The first couple days I felt really out of place," said Strohpaull, "then we learned the rules and realized what people were doing."

The language barrier didn't really come into play, they said, since many people they met spoke English, or at least some English.

"People were open," said Gorski. "They would just come up and talk to you like they knew you."

One of the more difficult adjustments the two had to make was with regard to food.

"The food was so different," said Strohpaull. "It was decent food, it



(Left to right) Local ball players Brad Gorski and Rusty Strohpaull recently got back from the Netherlands, where the two played for an all-star baseball team. While they weren't on the field, Gorski and Strohpaull traveled around the Netherlands and Belgium, taking in the sights and experiences.

Photos courtesy of Brad Gorski

was just cooked different. A lot of the meat was raw or not cooked much."

Both Gorski and Strohpaull had the opportunity to try caviar for the first time, and both were less than impressed.

"Neither of us liked caviar," said Strohpaull. "It looked like little raspberries or something, so I tried a couple. I didn't like it."

Strohpaull and Gorski raved about the quality of European breads, however. "The breads were excellent," said Gorski. "One waitress was getting mad at us because we kept asking for more bread, they couldn't understand it."

Another adjustment they had to make involved crossing the streets.

"People drive crazy over there," said Strohpaull. "It was scary walking across the street."

"In Europe, people don't have the right of way, cars do," said Gorski.

The two learned that lesson right away.

"At first we went out into the road, and these cars were not stopping," Gorski said. "We almost got ran over."

Certainly not least of all, Gorski and Strohpaull played their share of baseball, or "honk" as it is apparently known in the Netherlands, while in Europe.

They didn't end up playing on the same team, which they said was one of the trip's few disappointments. The group that represented the U.S.



One of the places Gorski and Strohpaull visited was the summer home of the Dutch royal family in Appledorn.

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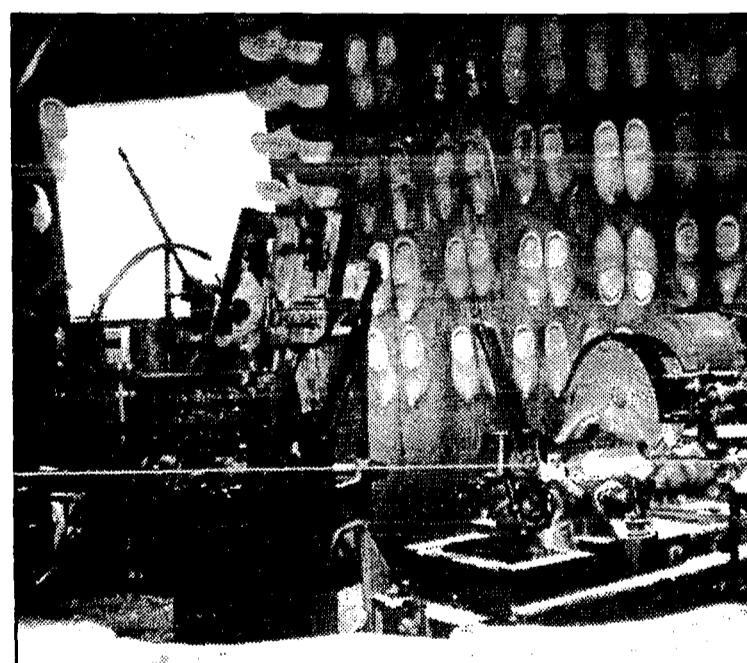
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(Above) In Belgium, the two Grayling players visited a wooden shoe shop. (Below) At the "monkey park" in Appledorn, the monkeys roamed freely, mixing it up with the park patrons.



Soccer team to open with Ogemaw Heights

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"Roscommon is the only team we've never beaten," said Langseth. "It's always a good game."

Last year, Roscommon beat Grayling in the district final match by a score of 2-1, knocking the Vikings out of the playoffs.

This year's home opener against Roscommon, like all the other Viking soccer home games this season, will be held at Don Ferguson Field (Viking Stadium).

In addition to the matches being played in the stadium, GHS soccer games will now have an admission charge at the gate, unlike in years past.

"Hopefully people in town have come to enjoy soccer enough to still come out and see the team, and pay," said Coach Langseth.

All Viking home games start at 5 p.m.



(Above) WAZA instructor Dominick Seicluna works with the Viking soccer team on the first day of WAZA training (Monday, August 23). Seicluna led the team through several drills, some of which involved yoga and T'ai Chi. WAZA is a Japanese word meaning "technique," explained Seicluna. The chant "WAZA WOO," which can be heard at GHS games, means the "effortless flow of technique." ("WOO" means "effortless.") The GHS Soccer Team will finish WAZA training on Friday, and plays its first game on Monday.

GHS football teams to open seasons this week

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"The JV team has a good group of kids that has played together for five or six years now. Our JV potentially could be a very good team."

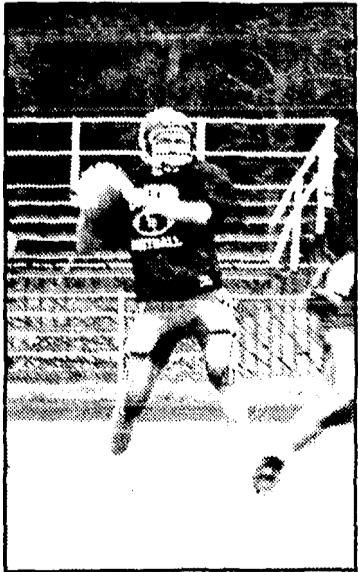
The Freshmen Football Team, which was just established at GHS last year, will open its second season on Thursday, August 26, at Boyne City.

"It's important to have a freshmen team," said Patterson. (Several area schools were unable to form a freshmen team this year.) "It gives the kids an opportunity to play as a freshman. It's hard to play on JV as a freshman."

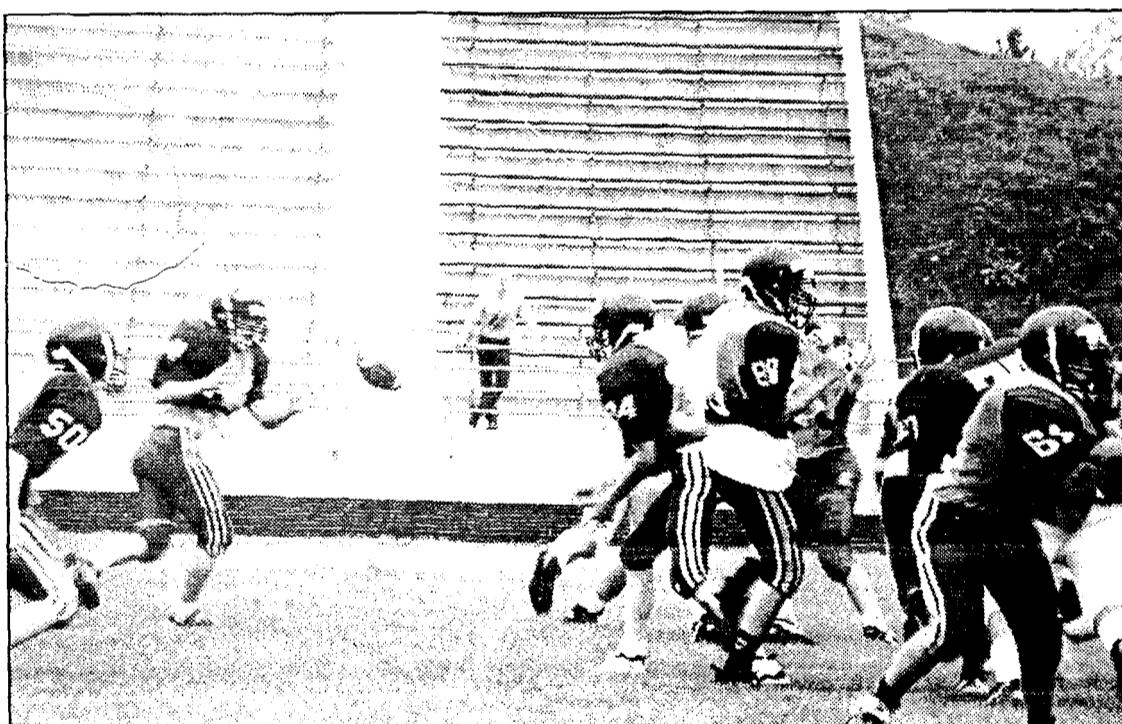
"At the younger levels it's so important that they get playing time. There's really no substitution for playing time at the younger levels," he added.

The freshmen squad will be coached by Joe Ferrigan, Ron Wyman and Kevin Annis. Fred Wolcott, Chuck Spencer and Rick Schmidt are the JV coaches this year, and the varsity coaching staff consists of Patterson, Doug Pummell and Justin Mann.

Friday's Varsity game against Roscommon will start at 7:30 p.m. at Don Ferguson Field (Viking Stadium). For a complete schedule of all the games for each GHS sport, please see Pages 6-7B.



Varsity QB Levi Burkett fakes back for a pass during practice.



The Junior Varsity Football Team runs a pitch play during the partial-field Green and White Scrimmage. This year's JV squad "potentially could be a very good team," said Head Viking football Coach Rodney Patterson. The JV team is coached by Chuck Spencer, Fred Wolcott, and Rick Schmidt.

Football and soccer photos by Caleb Casey

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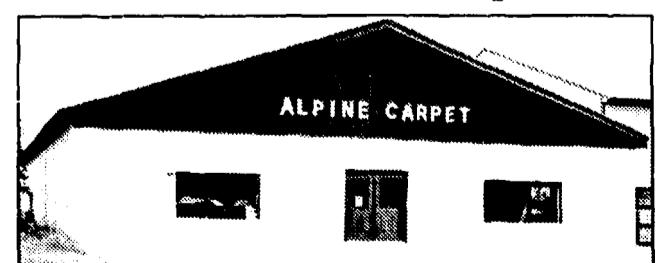
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Special Olympics to host golf fundraiser

The fourth annual Area 4 Special Olympics Challenge golf event will be held at Fox Run Country Club on Friday, September 10.

The event is an 18-hole, four-person scramble with a shotgun start. All proceeds from the golf outing will benefit the Area 4 Special Olympics, which provides sports and recreation programs for 200 mentally impaired individuals in Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda and Ogemaw counties.

Since its inception, the annual golf event has been one of Area 4's major fundraisers. Funds raised allow the local area to provide training in track and field, swimming, bowling, downhill and cross country skiing, and team sports such as basketball, soccer and softball.

The cost of the event is \$50 per golfer, which includes golf, cart, lunch, and numerous door prizes.

Contests will be held for longest drive and closest to the pin. Participants will have a chance to win a 1999 Ford Explorer and other major prizes in a hole-in-one contest.

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Join Adventure Ranger Jackie Kelly for any of the following programs at South Higgins Lake State Park:

Thursday, August 26: Webs and Weavers: Learn about the spiders and the webs they weave and go on a scavenger hunt. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Nature Hike:** Come explore nature along the Ridge Trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet across from the campground office.

Friday, August 27: Tracks and Trails: Learn all about animal

signs. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Beaks, Feet & Feathers:** Learn about birds through games and activities. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Saturday, August 28: Sensory Hike: Come explore nature using your senses. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Beaver Binge:** Learn about the characteristics, hike the trail to look at lodges, and do a craft activity. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Friday, September 3: Pond Exploration: Learn the difference between a pond and lake. Come explore the pond. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Nature Hike:** Come explore nature along the green loop trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Saturday, September 4: Webs and Weavers: Learn about spiders and their webs. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Beaver Binge:** Learn about the characteristics, hike the trail to look at lodges, and do a craft activity. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Sunday, September 5: Beaks, Feet & Feathers: Learn about birds through game activities and make a craft. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Sensory Hike:** Come explore nature with your senses. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Note: All programs last about one hour. All ages are welcome, but kids six and under must be accompanied by adult supervision.

CHICKS WITH STICKS

by Julie Calkins
Monday Night Golf League

Monday, August 2 -- Believe it or not, we are almost to the end of our golf season. It feels like we just started. Last week was beautiful again outside.

On hole number one, Judy Myers

In Flight A, Nadine Korth had a low net of 29 and Shirley Parker had low putts of 14.

In Flight B, Marilyn Hartman had a low net of 28, and there was a three-way tie for low putts of 16 between Marilyn Hartman, Judy Johnson and Beverly McNamara.

In Flight C, Diane Doremire had a low net of 28, and low putts of 14 was taken by Sue Brenner and Gloria Kraus.

In Flight D, Linda Munsey had a low net of 23, and Pauline Petrosky had low putts of 16.

Dody Burns was the only one to have a chip-in today and that was on #1.

There was a special prize for closest to the pin on #5 and that was won by Mary Jane Knibbs.

After a nice lunch of salad, chicken and biscuits and dessert, there was a short business meeting.

President Sally McNamara asked for a treasurer's report, which was given by Beverly McNamara, followed by a report from our secre-

tary, Rita McClain. Rita read a few letters from Past-Presidents Vonne Addison and Rose Ahers. Was so nice to hear from them.

Sally then urged all members to make sure they give their winter address to Deanne Weiss before they leave, so when it comes time to

mail next year's application they will receive it.

Meeting adjourned to go enjoy the rest of this great day.

On Thursday, about 25 gals from our club went to St. Helen to participate in the "Heart of the North" tournament, hosted by St. Helen and including White Deer of Houghton Lake and Burning Oaks of Roscommon.

Grayling came home with the trophy and an awful lot of winners in different areas. Was a wonderful day and met so many nice ladies. Guess we all have the same thing in common, "It's not important 'how' we golf, it's 'who' we golf with that makes it great."

That's all "fore" now.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Kirtland Community College (KCC) Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach Pat Miller and Women's Coach Jim Parker will conduct an "open gym" on Tuesday, August 31, and Thursday, September 2, from 6-8 p.m. at the CRAF Center on Lake Street in Roscommon.

The sessions are open to men and women from throughout the Kirtland District and beyond (except high school students) interested in attending Kirtland in the fall or winter and participating in the college's inaugural basketball season.

"These are definitely not tryouts," said Miller. "These are just opportu-

nities for men and women interested in playing at Kirtland to meet Jimmy and myself, and spend an evening of informal show and tell on the basketball court. It'll be a lot of fun. We hope to have a good turnout."

Kirtland announced its new sports program and introduced its new athletic director at a news conference on the campus August 16. KCC has established a mens basketball team and a womens basketball team, and hopes to create other sports teams in the future.

Tryout dates at the Roscommon CRAF Center for the women's basketball team will be October 8-10; for the men's team, October 4-5.

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got longest drive. On hole number

three Gwen Summers got closest to

the pin on her first shot. On hole

number seven longest putt went to

Becky Weber and Tanya Wolcott

got closest second shot on hole

number nine.

This week we did not see any

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WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN by PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

Come Tomorrow It Will Belong To Someone Else

Dear Readers: Over the years of writing this column, I'm frequently asked by the media and curious readers, "Why do you give away your money, Mr. Ross?"

The answer is simple. Many years ago I read an article that reminded me that all earthly possessions are ours for only a short period of time.

This week instead of making monetary contributions I'll share with you the reasons I have for distributing my wealth during my lifetime.

For many years I was an auctioneer for companies going out of business and estates representing well-known former owners who died.

I auctioned ordinary and precious objects of art, furniture, cars, trucks, boats, ships, airplanes, relics, real estate, jewelry, etc. I even auctioned a large, rare diamond pendant that once belonged to one of the previous popes of Rome.

I quickly learned how temporary are our possessions and personal wealth.

None of us can take anything with us when we die. Everything we "own" today become possessions of others that live on after us.

Even during the reign of the "good Emperor," Marcus Aurelius, there was a serious time when his nation became sorely pressed, and he asked permission of the Senate to sell imperial treasures in order to buy arms for national protection, saying: "Nothing we have is our own; even the houses we live in belong to you."

We all accumulate treasures that become dear to us, for many a reason, but they are only temporary. They are but loaned to us for our brief enjoyment and enrichment. The time will come when they will belong to others. My only hope, in parting with my own modest possessions and money, is that the recipients will benefit from the

experience and practice my philosophy during their lifetimes.

People who boast of ownership always amuse me. They never know how close to losing that ownership they may be! The only true ownership, in which we can take endless pride, is that which arises from useful tasks performed. And the only true satisfaction comes from knowing we have enriched the lives of others. To possess the love and respect of others is a treasure that mere money could never buy. That is the only possession we can take to our graves with us!

I have spent the greater portion of my life accumulating, but in the last 17, I have begun to shed myself of the burden of ownership.

I am only a temporary guest in the beautiful home in which I live. Someday it will belong to someone else. I've converted practically all of my belongings into cash which is easier to share with others who need a helping hand from time to time.

So far I've done pretty well and have enjoyed the satisfaction of knowing I've helped quite a few people, who I hope will remember in turn (by my example), to help others when they can. I also know from the letters I receive that many of my readers, who do not need financial help, write me that they have been prompted to increase their help to others.

On a lighter note, I'll share a letter I recently received. The man wrote: "Since you are giving it all away before you die, and if you believe in reincarnation, who would you like to come back as?

I replied, "In my lifetime I made certain Mrs. Ross was very well provided for, so if I did believe in reincarnation, I'd sure like to come back as my wife's second husband!"

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Air Way wins Mens Softball tournament



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MENS SOFTBALL CHAMPS -- The team sponsored by Air Way Automation won this year's GRA Mens Softball tournament with a 3-0 record in the double-elimination tourney. Air Way also won the title for the regular season, posting a 17-3 record. Air Way team members are: (back row, left to right) Todd McDonald, Jim Kvasnovski, Bob Harris, Terry Nielson, Ted Bayham, Jeff McMann. (front row, left to right) Steve Peterson, Caleb Casey, Roy Musall, Troy McDonald, Bob Butler. Not pictured: Patrick Potter, John Covel.

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting August 11, 1999

Members Present: Tom Hall, Janice Annis, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Steve Doyle, Dave Jackson.

Supervisor Wright called meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, carried, to approve minutes of July 13, 1999.

Special Meeting. All Ayes.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, carried to approve minutes of July 14, 1999.

Regular Meeting. All Ayes.

Treasurer's Report for July 1999 was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) E-911 Activities Report 6-99, Crawford AuSable School District Board Happenings 6-99.

Business:

1. Frogies, Inc. Liquor License Transfer removed from table (7-14-99). Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to table action on Frogies, Inc. Liquor License Transfer until acceptable safety inspection report is on file. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Consensus of Board to offer resolution honoring Peter W. Stephan for adoption at the August 17, 1999 Special Meeting of the Township Board.

3. Supervisor presented engineering plans for the soil/ice erosion project at Summit Ave. road-end for viewing.

4. Township Hall addition update: Bid accepted from AuSable Construction 7-27-99. Footings dug 8-10-99.

5. Cemetery Project update: In late 1998, the Township Board and City Council agreed to increase service fees and plot prices at Elmwood Cemetery, beginning July 1, 1999, to provide revenues for better maintenance and development of additional plots. However, the maintenance problem has become more severe this season as crews from Camp Lehman, which have been utilized for many years, are not readily available.

A meeting has been scheduled for August 24, 1999, between City and Township Cemetery representatives to offer solutions to the maintenance problems. A proposal for hiring an employee exclusively in charge of maintenance will be discussed. Ideas are welcome.

6. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to authorize Supervisor to write letter of support for Senate Bill 232 to the Michigan Township Association. Ayes: five, Nays: none. Motion carried.

SB 232 amends the Land Division Act by changing the language affecting the purposes for which land is dedicated for public use may be used. Current language states that platted land dedicated to the public may be used "for the purposes therein expressed and no other." SB 232 amends this language to read that platted land dedicated to the public may be used "for purposes expressed in the dedication, gift, or grant and any other public use that does not unreasonably interfere with or prohibit those purposes." It goes on to state that when streets end at the water, public use is presumed to include the right to public access to that water, the right to shoreline activities including, but not limited to, sun-

bathing, lounging, or picnicking, and the building of structures to aid in public access. A municipality may by ordinance regulate the usage of [road ends] ... to promote public access and enjoyment.

7. Motion by Ashton, second by Hall, to designate Terry R. Wright as Federal Surplus Goods Coordinator for Grayling Township. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Building Department Inspectors Reports placed on file.

9. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 20785-20791, 20796-20827, Board & Comm. fees \$595. Liquor Inspections \$90 and Guardian Dental \$572.21 for a grand total of \$49,797.45. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

10. Motion to adjourn by Annis, carried. All ayes. (7:50 p.m.).

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Special Meeting July 27, 1999

Members Present: Janice Annis, Tom Hall, Monica Ashton, Ruth O'Mara, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Sharon Hall, Cindy Olson.

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Wright.

The purpose of the meeting is to accept or reject bid for Grayling Township Hall meeting room addition and other matters which may legally be brought before the Board.

1. Supervisor explained that two bids were received on the Township Hall addition. Low bidder was AuSable Construction at \$112,591. The bid could be reduced by delaying sidewalks leading to the new entrances. The electrical bid is an estimate.

Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to accept the bid of \$112,591 from AuSable Construction as General Contractor for the addition to the Township Hall meeting room. Ayes: Hall, Annis, Ashton, O'Mara, Wright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Grayling Recreation Authority request for funding was removed from the table (7-14-99). Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to authorize funding of \$20,000 to the Grayling Recreation Authority for a grass and irrigation system on the soccer fields, the softball outfield and the playground at Hanson Hills. Contractors invoices to be presented to the Township Clerk for payment. Ayes: Hall, Annis, O'Mara, Ashton, Wright. Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. 1999-2000 Township Attorney designation was removed from the table (7-14-99). Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to designate Monte Burmeister, of Terrence H. Bloomquist and Associates, as Grayling Township Attorney for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Consensus of the Board that the balance of the \$1,500 committed by this Board to an engineer's report for the Hartig vs Grayling Manufactured Housing case may be applied to the general costs of litigating this matter. Itemized statement of litigation cost, to date, on file.

5. Grayling Township has been notified that Terry R. Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor, is a recipient of the American Hometown Leadership Award. Wal-Mart, which co-sponsors the award to promote strong leadership in small towns, is present-

ing the township a grant of \$1,000 in Wright's honor. The award winning project entered in the competition was development of the Grayling Township Recycling Center.

6. Motion by Annis to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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Florida Corporation, Mortgagor, dated August 24, 1998, and recorded on September 8, 1998, in Liber 462, on page 322, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND 63/100 dollars (\$74,854.63)**, including interest at 9.125% per annum.

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Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 21, Block 2, KAREN WOODS, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, BLOCK 2, PORTAGE LAKE PARK 5TH ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 01 OF PLATS, PAGE 24, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. TAX ID # 045-765-02-001-00

Taxes paid for 1995, \$46.31; taxes paid for 1996, \$45.90.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$138.31 plus the fees of the Sheriff. This parcel is not an improved residential parcel.

Frederic P. Jackson/Trudy Jackson 10131 Stone Rd.

Roscommon, Michigan 48653

-26-2-9-16

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Publication of Notice of Hearing

File No. 99-6017-NC

In the matter of Emily Anne Cole, 376-19-0367 and Whitney Rose Cole, 367-21-3305.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 1999 at 3:30 p.m. in the probate courtroom, Grayling, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter to hear the petition to Change Name from: Emily Anne Cole to Emily Anne Schans; Whitney Rose Cole to Whitney Rose Schans.

Date: August 10, 1999

Laura J. Schans and Valorie E. Schans

60 Beauty Dr.

Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 344-2313

-26-2-9-16

DAVENPORT COLLEGE

GAYLORD CENTER

Fall 1999 - Course Schedule
Sept. 27 - Dec. 11, 1999

Code	Class	Day	Time
ACC201	Principles of Accounting 1	Monday	6:00-9:25
ACC303	Intermediate Accounting III	Monday	6:00-9:25
MGT360	Selection and Training	Monday	6:00-9:25
MTH135	Introduction to Algebra	Monday	6:00-9:25
ACC330	Federal Taxation I	Tuesday	6:00-9:25
CIS101	Computer Information Processing	Tuesday	6:00-9:25
COM121	College Writing I	Tuesday	6:00-9:25
MGT371	Compensation	Tuesday	6:00-9:25
LAW211	Legal Environments of Business	Wednesday	6:00-9:25
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Wednesday	6:00-9:25
MKT350	Channel Strategies/Distribution Mgt.	Wednesday	6:00-9:25
SOC210	General Psychology	Wednesday	6:00-9:25
ACC311	Cost Accounting I	Thursday	6:00-9:25
MGT300	Principles of Management	Thursday	6:00-9:25
MGT306	Human Resource Management	Thursday	6:00-9:25
IDS485	Interdisciplinary Seminar	Thursday	6:00-9:25
ACC435	Comprehensive Accounting & Auditing Review	Saturday	9:30-4:30

(ACC435 will be held for 5 weeks, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1999)
Classes will NOT meet the week of November 22-26, 1999

Call (517) 731-2966
to Schedule for Classes!

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ray D. McIntyre to Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagor, dated November 25, 1996, and recorded on November 27, 1996, in Liber 422, on page 156, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINE AND 95/100 DOLLARS (\$8,509.95)**, including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the **front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on October 6, 1999**.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Scheer Motors

JC Penney

Sylvesters
Sports

DuBois Lumber

Jansen Insurance
AgencyMcLean's Ace
HardwareWendy's of
Grayling

Fick & Sons

Charlie's Country
Corner

Arby's

Super 8 Motel

American Legion
Lounge & LanesMoores
Automotive

Heads Up North

Riverland

Upper Lakes Tire

Sawmill

Chemical Bank

Thermogas
Company

Bronco Amoco

Cellular One

Weyerhaeuser Co.

Rialto

Good Luck

Hart Pontiac
GMC BuickCrawford County
AvalancheFarm Bureau
Paul WilsonOle Dam Rd.
Party StoreSuperior Janitorial
ServicesColdwell Banker
Cornell Realty

Empire Bank

Blockbuster Video

Northern
Expression

Gray Rock Cafe'

Grayling Youth
Booster Club

Denholm

Buccilli's

1999 FALL SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling High School Sports Calendar

Grayling Vikings Varsity Football

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
Friday	August 27, 1999	Roscommon	H	7:30	
Friday	September 3, 1999	Houghton Lake	A	7:30	5:00
Friday	September 10, 1999	Gladwin	H	7:30	
Friday	September 17, 1999	Tawas	H	7:30	
Friday	September 24, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	7:30	3:45
Friday	October 1, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	7:30	4:45
Friday	October 8, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	H	7:30	
Friday	October 15, 1999	Standish Sterling	H	7:30	
Friday	October 22, 1999	Oscoda	A	7:30	3:45
Friday	October 20, 1999	Playoffs		TBA	

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity Football

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
Thursday	August 26, 1999	Roscommon	A	7:00	4:30
Thursday	September 2, 1999	Houghton Lake	H	7:00	
Thursday	September 9, 1999	Gladwin	A	7:00	4:00
Thursday	September 16, 1999	Tawas	A	7:00	3:30
Thursday	September 23, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	7:00	
Thursday	September 30, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	7:00	
Thursday	October 7, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	A	7:00	3:00
Thursday	October 14, 1999	Standish Sterling	A	7:00	3:45
Thursday	October 22, 1999	Oscoda	H	7:00	

Grayling Vikings Freshmen Football

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
Thursday	August 26, 1999	Roscommon	A	5:00	3:30
Thursday	September 2, 1999	Houghton Lake	H	5:00	
Thursday	September 9, 1999	Gladwin	A	5:00	3:00
Thursday	September 16, 1999	Tawas	A	5:00	2:30
Thursday	September 23, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	5:00	
Thursday	September 30, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	5:00	
Thursday	October 7, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	A	5:00	2:00
Thursday	October 14, 1999	Standish Sterling	A	5:00	2:45
Thursday	October 21, 1999	Oscoda	H	5:00	

Grayling Vikings Boys Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
Monday	August 30, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	5:00	3:15
Wednesday	September 1, 1999	Roscommon	H	5:00	
Wednesday	September 1, 1999	Standish Sterling	A	4:00	1:45
Thursday	September 9, 1999	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Monday	September 13, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	A	5:00	2:30
Wednesday	September 15, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	5:00	
Monday	September 20, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	5:00	
Wednesday	September 22, 1999	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Monday	September 27, 1999	Tawas	A	5:00	3:50
Wednesday	September 29, 1999	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:50
Monday	October 4, 1999	Roscommon	H	5:00	4:00
Wednesday	October 6, 1999	Surline	A	5:00	3:30
Monday	October 11, 1999	Kalkaska	H	5:00	
Monday	October 18, 1999	Gaylord	A	5:00	3:50
Wednesday	October 20, 1999	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:50
Tuesday	October 21, 1999	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	
Wednesday	October 22, 1999	Houghton Lake Tournament	A	TBA	
Tuesday	October 23, 1999	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	
Wednesday	October 24, 1999	Roscommon Tournament	A	TBA	

Grayling Vikings Boys Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
Monday	August 30, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	5:00	3:15
Wednesday	September 1, 1999	Roscommon	H	5:00	
Wednesday	September 1, 1999	Standish Sterling	A	4:00	1:45
Thursday	September 9, 1999	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Monday	September 13, 1999	Bay City John Glenn	A	5:00	2:30
Wednesday	September 15, 1999	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	5:00	
Monday	September 20, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	5:00	
Wednesday	September 22, 1999	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Monday	September 27, 1999	Tawas	A	5:00	2:45
Wednesday	September 29, 1999	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:50
Monday	October 4, 1999	Roscommon	H	5:00	4:00
Wednesday	October 6, 1999	Surline	A	5:00	3:30
Monday	October 11, 1999	Kalkaska	H	5:00	
Wednesday	October 13, 1999	Gaylord	A	5:00	3:50
Monday	October 18, 1999	Gaylord	H	5:00	
Tuesday	October 20, 1999	Houghton Lake	A	TBA	
Wednesday	October 22, 1999	Houghton Lake	A	TBA	
Tuesday	October 23, 1999	Roscommon	A	TBA	
Wednesday	October 24, 1999	Roscommon	A	TBA	

Grayling Vikings Cross Country

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus
Saturday	September 8, 1999	Charlevoix	A	9:00	7:00
Tuesday	September 11, 1999	Charlevoix Classic	H	4:00	1:45
Thursday	September 16, 1999	Lake City	A	4:30	2:45
Monday	September 20, 1999	Petoskey Invitational	H	4:00	
Saturday	September 25, 1999	Petoskey Invitational	A	9:00	7:00
Wednesday	September 29, 1999	Houghton Lake, Gaylord & Harrison	A	4:00	2:15
Tuesday	October 5, 1999	NEMC Jamboree @ West Branch	A	4:30	2:30
Saturday	October 9, 1999	Charlevoix Martin	H	4:00	
Wednesday	October 13, 1999	Houghton Lake & Kalkaska	A	11:00	9:00
Saturday	October 16, 1999	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	11:00	8:30
Saturday	October 23, 1999	NEMC Conference @ Standish	A	4:00	2:30
Tuesday	October 26, 1999	Gaylord Invitational	TBA		
Saturday	October 30, 1999	Regionals	TBA		

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of August 29-September 4

Aries March 21-April 20

Your natural courage should help a loved one get through a tough time. You will grow as a person because of what you do to help others. Tuesday will be a red-letter day for you. You'll find success at work and at home in all you do.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Focus on Friday. You can make it to the weekend, even though it seems like you won't. By then, the problems at home will seem far away because you'll have them under control. Plus, you'll have time away from work to get rid of stress.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Be honest with yourself, and you will feel stronger. You'll be more in control of what happens to you at work, and you'll be more in control of what happens in your personal relationships. All you have to do is be true to yourself.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You will enjoy finding a new hobby or interest, plus it should take your mind off those ongoing problems at work. You can't let the problems get to you. Keep them at work: don't bring them home with you to wreak havoc on your home life.

Leo July 23-August 23

Listen to your intuition this week. You'll find it very important to pay attention to what it is saying. It's time to put your money where your mouth is and help that organization you promised to help. Don't back out now when you're needed.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Don't let an offer of a new job or opportunity pass you by. Grab it! It could be just what you need to start fresh and get a handle on your problems. Consider hiring a financial adviser to help get your finances in order.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

August 26, 1976

Don Jansen was installed at Lt. Governor of Division 18 of Michigan District of Kiwanis for the 1976-77 year at the Michigan District convention in Kalamazoo. Attending from Grayling were Kiwanians Don Jansen, Charles Fick and Charles Wolfkin and their wives.

Approximately 70 acres of jack pine were destroyed in a late afternoon fire Monday. The fire began near Staley Lake Road and Four Mile Road, crowned out and headed toward Jellystone Park. Fire fighters were able to stop the blaze only after it came within 1/8 mile of the campground which had been evacuated.

Youth Services removed over twenty, 55 gallon bags of garbage from Grayling downstream to the pull-over.

Mrs. Mary Rasmussen of Lansing became a proud grandmother. Her daughter, Sharon had a baby boy, David Verner, and daughter, Anna, had a girl, Mary Ann. They are the daughters of the late Verner Rasmussen and granddaughters of Elsie Anderson. Elsie now has four great grandchildren.

Jamie Cox spent two weeks of July in Miller, Missouri at the Mickey Owens Baseball Camp, sponsored by the Dodgers. Director of the Camp was Ken Rizzo, former U. of M. catcher, Davey Lopez, second baseman for the Dodgers was a guest instructor.

A great big 'Thank You' to the person or persons responsible for the new sidewalks around the United Methodist Church. Walkers and churchgoers alike will appreciate it, especially next slushy March.

Mrs. Viola Wilcox of Grayling has returned from a six-week trip to Tunis, Tunisia where she visited her son, John Wilcox and family. John

Libra September 23-October 23

It looks like a good week for you to escape and put your personal life in order. You don't want to let it go any longer or it will be too hard to get under control. Don't believe everything you hear.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

You can improve your social standing—you just need to use your creativity to help you get there. You also need to watch what social situations you get yourself into. Your level of confidence could open the right doors for you.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

Don't worry about what others think. You are your own person: stand up for what you believe. With that in mind, you need to remember that everyone has beliefs, and people are not wrong just because they don't agree with you.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

You will find a new source of motivation this week in an unlikely place. Improve your marketability with a business-oriented course at a local college. By the end of the year, you'll be able to say even more about your job skills.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Your sense of humor will help you through a tough situation this week. Laugh and others will laugh with you, and you'll end up getting a lot more done. A close friend may have a good idea for your romantic weekend dinner.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Be patient with your partner this week. Surrounding circumstances may be hard on your relationship, but you can get through this challenge with some understanding. Listen to your heart to get through the toughest times and don't speak rashly.

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Ham Steak Smoky Southern Kabobs

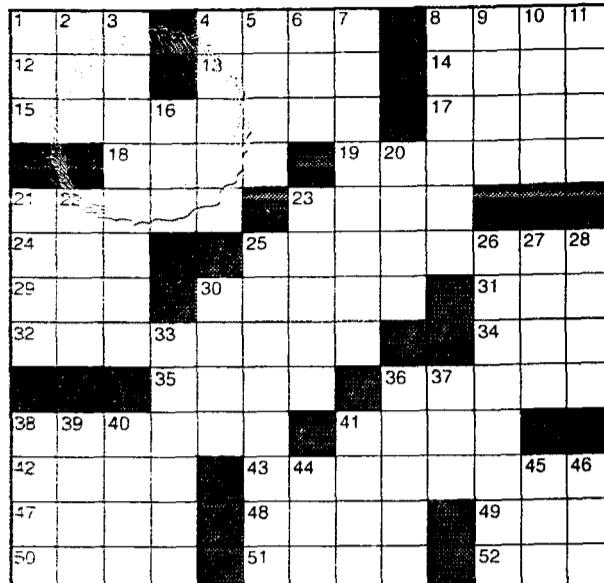
bone-in-ham steak, cut in one inch cubes
red peppers, cut in chunks
green peppers, cut in chunks
cherry tomatoes
mushroom slices
pineapple chunks

Arrange several ham steak cubes along a variety of green peppers, red peppers, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms and pineapple on a 4"-5" hors d'oeuvre toothpick. heat over grill until golden brown.



HOME NEEDED - Boozer is a tan/white "Bengi" dog. Male; seems housebroken, 4 years old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117. Dog walk-a-thon September 5th. To collect pledges and/or walk or to make pledge call 348-4117. Walkers receive a commemorative T-shirt.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Cookie-selling youth gp.
- Bedtime story beginning
- "____ Around" (2 wds.)
- "How Dry ____" (2 wds.)
- Money on credit
- Cuba libre ingredient
- Makes happy
- ____ many words (2 wds.)
- Observes
- Epee actions
- Buddy of "Barnaby Jones"
- Long tooth
- Opposite of "vous"
- Math process
- Country haven
- Star of the Salon des Refusés
- Compass pt.
- Procrastinators
- El* ____ (Heston film)
- Pivot
- Moves quickly
- Perlman's instrument
- Born and ____
- And others, abbr.
- Least experienced
- Nymph in love with Narcissus
- Damn Yankees* seductress
- Revived: prefix
- Stay away from
- Sunnyside-up "sun"
- Tango quorum

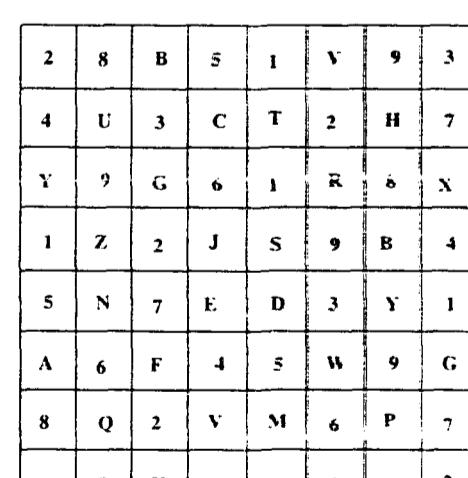
DOWN

- Musician's engagement
- Mineo or Magie
- Accumulating
- "In ____ days a glimpse of stocking..." (Porter)
- Negative votes
- Has what it takes
- Subjugates
- Bakery toppings
- Chuck Barris' apparatus
- Different
- "Night over ____" (Maxwell Anderson)
- Singer Joey
- Module
- Jannings or Ludwig
- fide
- Discovers
- With boldness
- Occurrence
- "Get Down ____" (Kool & the Gang hit) (2 wds.)
- Sparks and Rorem
- Skirt length
- Cowboy hat measure
- Abnormal occurrence
- Baseball's Dykstra
- Neckline shapes
- Symptom of some allergies
- Honolulu's island
- Next-period signal
- "Pooh" character
- Work as a modiste
- "Never ____ Late"

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

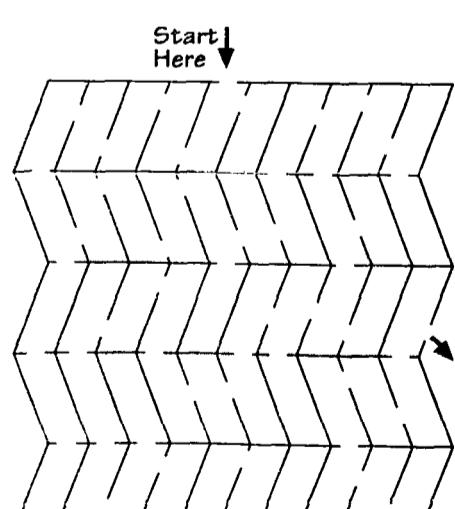


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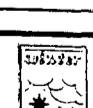
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MAZE



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Gaylord



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rainfall
8/17	74	56	58	
8/18	73	51	53	0.07"
8/19	72	43	48	
8/20	78	45	52	
8/21	80	47	51	
8/22	82	51	54	
8/23	76	54	60	0.01"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Wednesday - partly sunny with a high of 75-80. Thursday - dry with a low of 55-60 and a high around 80. Friday - chance of showers and thunderstorms with a low around 60 and a high around 80. Saturday - chance of showers with a low around 60 and a high in the mid 70's

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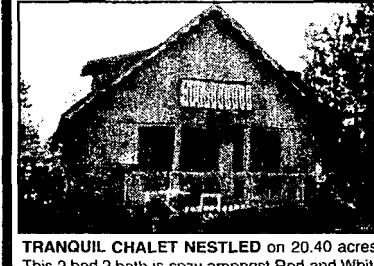
CLOSE TO KNEFF LAKE AND AUSABLE RIVERS. Great location for hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, perfect starter home or recreational cabin. Wood furnace, sliding doorwall, enclosed porch, 1998 hotwater heater and new roof in 1997. \$41,900 CH-1036



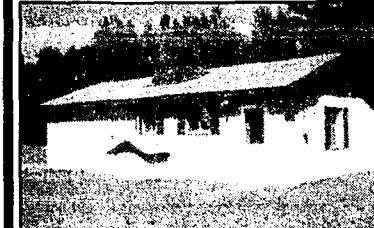
BEAUTIFUL NEW MODERN HOME IN THE CITY! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1120 sq. ft., cedar cathedral ceilings in living room, dining and kitchen area. Kitchen has oak cabinets, island bar and sink. Oak floors throughout, oak trim and solid oak doors, custom fitted venetian blinds, paved drive and walkways. Front door has side light window, slate at entry doors, pretrayed wood fascia, and cedar deck. Dimensions: 30' x 40'. Vinyl siding, large windows, insulated windows, many more features. \$127,000 CS-963



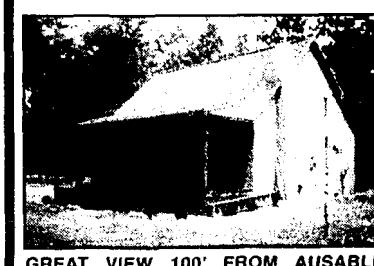
REMODELED FARM HOME ASSUMABLE FAMILY HOME. Located in ideal subdivision close to Grayling. Updated roof, windows, wall coverings. Refr. will be replaced. Heated and insulated work shop in garage. \$58,000 CH-1037



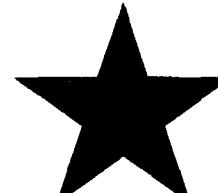
TRANQUIL CHALET NESTLED on 20.40 acres. This 2 bed 2 bath is cozy amongst Red and White pines and a mixture of hardwoods. With its half basement there is more than ample storage space as well as plenty of room to play. Set back in this secluded setting for extra privacy, it's the perfect home for a family or a relaxing weekend. \$94,000 CS-981



PERFECT LOCATION FOR HUNTING, FISHING & SNOWMOBILING. Very close to North Branch AuSable River, Shupac Lake and thousands of acres of State Land. Neat and clean 2 bedroom cottage fronting on county blacktop road. Reduced \$28,000 CH-955



GREAT VIEW 100' FROM AUSABLE RIVER. 1/2 story. New construction built in 1997. Offers cathedral ceilings, drywall, fireplace with gas log, 2 log door walls off dining area. Hickory cabinets with 2 lazy susans, recessed lighting and a covered porch overlooking river. Central air ready. \$76,500 CS-1013



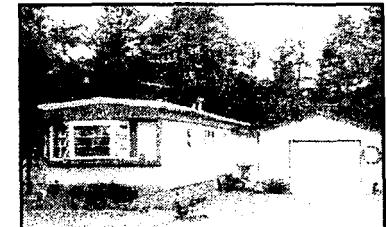
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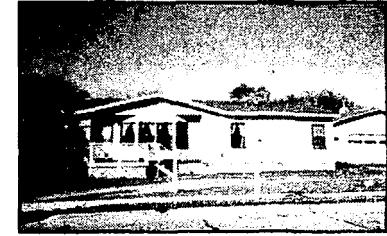
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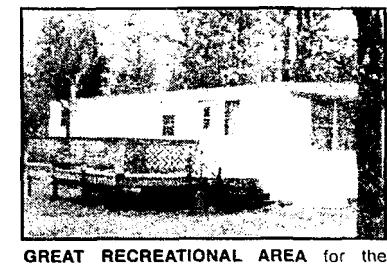
THIS 2 STORY CONTEMPORARY CREATES VISUAL EXCITEMENT. 100' LAKE MARGRETHE FRONTAGE. A huge foyer says, "Come in!" Spacious living room has multi-paned windows and fireplace. Company coming? Dine in style in this formal dining room. Efficiently designed kitchen with ample storage and counter space. Master bedroom, has separate dressing area, 2 walk in closets, whirlpool tub and private oak deck. \$425,000 CS-993



LAND CONTRACT PRICE \$33,000. Neat and clean 2 bedroom home, snow roof, water pump 2 years old. 1974 Homette 12x60 mobile, covered patio \$28,000 CH-1035



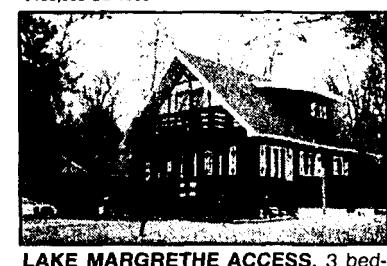
OPEN FLOOR DRAMATIZES VERSATILE INTERIOR! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, natural gas heat, city water & sewer. Family room, living room, dining area & kitchen offers open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, 5.5x4 dry bar off living room. French doors out to back yard. Master suite offers large walk-in closet, bath with garden tub & separate shower. Dining room offers built in hutch. Cable TV. Double lot in the city with 2 car garage. \$60,000 CS-974



GREAT RECREATIONAL AREA for the hunters and snowmobilers. All furniture and furnishings included. Road maintained at \$75.00 annually. Newer L.P. Gas 30 gal. hot water heater, furnace in 1992. New range and hood and floor covering. 7 1/2 acres adjoining state land. Immediate Occupancy. \$29,900 CH-1041



125' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER! The inviting living room radiates hospitality and charm in this 4 bedroom riverfront home. Stay cozy and warm with the woodstove and brick fireplace. Large kitchen with ample storage to ensure home cooked meals. Kid's retreat with plenty of space for toys and play. Surrounded by wildlife, the location couldn't be better! \$168,000 CS-1008



LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath chalet located on the end of a private drive. Upstairs bedroom has doorwall onto balcony. Oversized 24x32 garage, storage building. New hot water boiler and water heater. Reduced \$87,500 CH-989

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CABIN/MOBILE HOME and four lots with lake access and partial ownership of dock. On Lake Margrethe. Eagle Point. \$44,500 (517) 626-6396 (-26/2/1)

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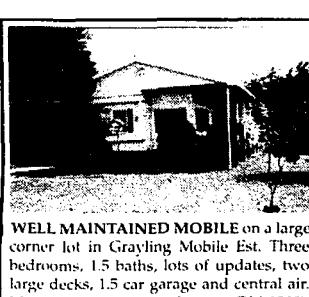
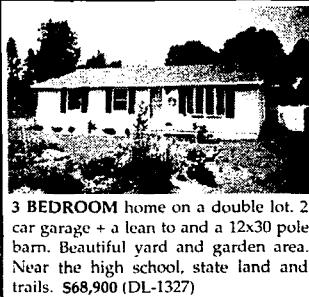
NEW DUPLEX FOR RENT 15 W. Lewiston Grade Road. Two bedroom attached garage \$575 per month plus utilities, no animals. (517) 348-7031 (-26-2/2)

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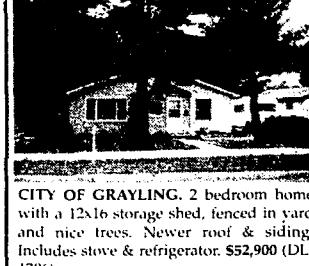
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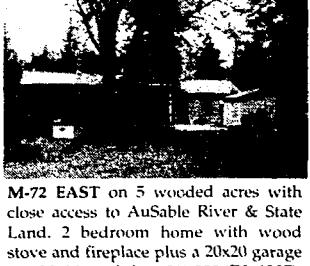
407 MICHIGAN AVE. This elegant home is just waiting to be restored and taken care of. Four bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of built in storage, breakfast nook, sun room, hardwood floors, large basement and all the appliances included. Must see. "As is" \$69,900 (DM-1325)



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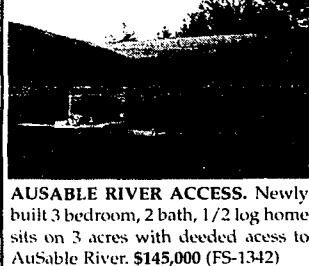
WELL MAINTAINED MOBILE on a large corner lot in Grayling Mobile Est. Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, lots of updates, two large decks, 1.5 car garage and central air. Must see to appreciate. \$43,500 (DM-1298)



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M-72 EAST on 5 wooded acres with close access to AuSable River & State Land. 2 bedroom home with wood stove and fireplace plus a 20x20 garage & a 10x14 workshop \$62,900 (DL-1287)

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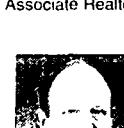
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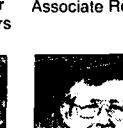
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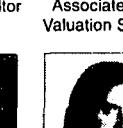
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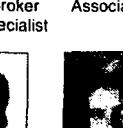
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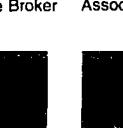
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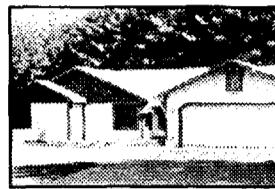
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HOME FOR RENT PLUS GARAGE Very nice, very clean, many extras. Table, Jacuzzi and so forth. Preferably a couple. \$450 plus deposit. Call (517) 348-5428 (8/19/99f/2)

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RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS

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Stop by for a visit at 595 Meadows Drive or call (517) 344-0020. Office hours M-F 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications available in breezeway after hours.

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3. Employment

THE CRAWFORD AUSSABLE SCHOOL District is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. Apply at the Board of Education office, 403 Michigan Avenue. (-19-26/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION

Posting Date: August 16, 1999. Position: Transportation Supervisor. Description, Qualifications, Work Year, Salary: Managing and directing operations to provide safe and efficient transportation to students. Additional information is available at 403 Michigan Avenue. Apply To: Paul B. Lerg, Assistant Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., September 3, 1999. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-26/3)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Higgins Lake - Roscommon Chamber of Commerce is seeking an individual to promote existing and future businesses and expand chamber services. This is a part-time position, approximately 20 hours per week. Please submit resume and cover letter to: HLRCC, P.O. Box 486, Roscommon, MI 48653 by September 3, 1999. (-26-2/3)

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is now accepting applications for a part-time instructor for accounting for the fall semester, beginning August 30, 1999. Bachelor's degree in a related field and a minimum of two years work related experience required; master's degree preferred. Available class time: 6:00-10:00 p.m. Tuesdays. Interested applicants should submit letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts immediately to: Human Resource Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-26-3)

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4. Services Offered

CUSTOM BUSINESS SIGNS and lettering. Boats, trucks, snowmobiles, trailers. Call Pete Kocefas (517) 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (8/12/99tf/4)

DRIVERS TRAINING and Road Testing are offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the September 20th class. Contact Howard Lehti. (517) 348-8838 (1-29-5-12-19-26/4)

MILLTOWN FENCE COMPANY For all your fencing needs, chain link, wooden or just a dog kennel. Call the fencing experts since 1973. For a free estimate, phone (517) 348-9188. (LR9/2/99tf/4)

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5. For Sale

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9 X 7 GARAGE DOOR with hardware, white. \$40 (517) 348-5854 (-26/5)

24 FT OLDER PONTOON, good condition. \$2,500 Call (517) 348-3005: (-5-12-19-26/5)

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ANTIQUE DAY BED Skirt, pillow, shams, comforter. Call (517) 344-0504 anytime. (-26/5)

1976 ALUMINUM PONTOON 20' New deck, carpet and top. New steering with trailer. \$3,600 Call (517) 348-1805 (-26/2/5)

SWEET CORN FOR SALE Vegetable and herbs. 208 Bellmore Trail off of Lewiston Grade Rd. in Grayling. (-26/5)

15 FT ALUMINUM /fiberglass boat, outboard 55 hp motor (517) 348-6002 before 6 p.m. ask for Jeff. (-19-26/5)

TWO 185-75-14 TIRES \$35 Call (517) 348-3991 (-26/5)

SLIDING GLASS DOOR, women's 10 speed bike, power wheels, Nordic track. Call (517) 348-4432 (-26/5)

TWO FLUTES Beginner flute \$50; advanced Gemeinhardt open hole flute. Four years old, was \$750 new, asking \$375, both have cases. Call (517) 348-5944 leave message. (-26/5)

5 H.P. BLOWER vacuum \$200 or best. Sears 2.5 H.P. 9 inch edger \$50. Call Les at (517) 348-8619. (-19-26/5)

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4 h.p. - \$795
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5. For Sale

FIREWOOD Oak and maple, seasoned two years, cut, split and delivered. \$35 per cord. Call (517) 348-9473 or after 8 p.m. call (517) 348-5946. (-26-2-9-16/5)

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CLEARANCE 15 cents per board ft. air dried hardwood lumber, 79 cents per sq. ft. hardwood flooring. 1-888-629-5120 (-26-2/5)

VICTORIAN MAPLE AND CURLY Maple wash stands with attached beveled mirror and towel bar. Refinished drawer, needs repair. \$175 (517) 348-9265 (-19-26/5)

NEED A Back To School Computer??? Call Megabyte (517) 344-8011. 486 VGA Monitor, Win 95 \$200, Pentium 100 MHZ, CD Rom, \$300. Also other models available with Win 3.1 for lower prices. (-26/5)

FOR SALE New Riverboats: Cedar Strip, Mahogany, Black Walnut, Ash, Oak, Cherry, Joubert Marine plywood. Beautiful boats. (517) 348-2187 (LR9/2/99tf/5)

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/5)

1985 16' Sunline Travel Trailer, good condition. Call (517) 348-9698. (-26/2/5)

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

CREST PONTOON 25, 35 HP Johnson, Eagle Point Rd., five streets and left at 1563 Malcom. (-26/5)

WANTED PRE 1978 Bear Archery bows, equipment, catalogs, brochures, etc. Call Pete Kocefas (517) 348-8627. (8/12/99tf/6)

7. Miscellaneous

LOST Have you seen Bow? Small, dark gray and white male dog. Last seen at Abundant Life Church in town 8/18/99. Needs special food and daily medication. Reward. Call (517) 348-4124 or Grayling Vet (517) 348-8622. (-26/7)

REWARD Lost cat, white with black markings, last seen North Higgins Lake, August 21, female named Cougar. (810) 751-6252 (-26-2/7)

FOUND TOOL BOX with tools. Identify and pay for this ad and its yours. Call (517) 348-5204 between 6 and 8 p.m. Friday or Saturday night, leave message. (-26/7)

LOST WHEELCHAIR CUSHION Black in color. Lost on May Lake Lane, May Lake Road in Frederic or along 27 between Frederic and Grayling. If found please call (517) 348-4647 and ask for Russ. (-19-26/7)

FREE BURNING BARRELS at Terry's Sports located three miles west of Grayling on M-72. (-26/7)

8. Announcements

CRAWFORD USABLE DAY CARE Center now accepting applications for children in their Fall Program, ages 1-5 years of age. Also there are a few openings in the Preschool Educational Program beginning September 7th. (-26-2/8)

GRAYLING ADVENTIST SCHOOL has enrollment openings in grades 1-8. School starts August 23. (517) 348-6760 or (517) 785-2609 (-12-19-26-2/8)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT is Steak Night at The Sawmill from 4-9 for \$4.99. (5/27/99tf/8)

Answers**8. Announcements**

SOUP/SWICH/SALAD/DESERT luncheon. Thursday, September 2 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. \$4.50 per person. Take out available. Everybody welcome. Michelson Church on Michigan Avenue. (-26/8)

IT'S SCHOOL TIME AGAIN! The Grayling Cooperative Preschool still has openings for three and four year olds. For registration call Cory at (517) 348-2434. (-19-26/8)

SPEAKEASY SALOON Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. The 22 oz. draft is back! Sunday and Monday - Karaoke! (-5-12-19-26/8)

SPEAKEASY SALOON Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing - Aug. 3-7th, DC3, Aug. 10-14th, Gotham City, Aug. 17-28th, Sweet Talk. (-5-12-19-26/8)

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9. Personals**Happy 70th Birthday Lyndell****10. Garage Sales**

ONE DAY ONLY! August 28, 9-? Huge Four Family Yard Sale. Items include: sofa and chair, patio furniture, boys clothes and toys, and lots of miscellaneous. 131 N. Down River Rd., Just after Redhead Lane, follow the signs. (-26/10)

TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE This Thursday and Friday at corner of Michigan Avenue and Erie. 9-? Table and two leaves \$20; exercise bike \$25; baby clothes and walker; bar stools two for \$25; lots of miscellaneous. (-26/10)

YARD SALE 306 Alexia Lane, Grayling Mobile Estates. Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, 9-4 p.m. (-26/10)

GARAGE SALE Backpacks, clothes, shoes, books, typewriter, roller blades, toys, karaoke machine, CD's, miscellaneous. Free 16' steel garage door. M-72 West, 4.5 miles to Maybell N. Wednesday, August 25, 8-4, Sun., Aug. 29, 9-? (-26/10)

SATURDAY 9-2, 408 Spruce. (-26/10)

GARAGE SALE August 28, 9-4. 11741 Ivy Rd., Roscommon, 1/4 mile south of Sunoco Station at N. Roscommon Freeway Exit #244. (-26/10)

ANTIQUE GLASS AND GARAGE SALE 1350 W. Federal Hwy., Roscommon, Fri., Sat., Sun., Sept. 3, 4, 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. One mile east of I-75 Exit 244. (-26-2/10)

10. Garage Sales

THURS., FRI., SAT. 9-?? Rain or shine. Take 72 East to Stephan Bridge Rd., turn right, go two miles to Rustic Lane, turn right first house on left. Look for signs. Three Families. Kid's clothes, dresser. 1997 Dutchman 24 ft. camper (loaded), Bolen's Husky Garden Tractor and attachments, needs work, Video games, lots, lots of miscellaneous. (-26/10)

GARAGE AND POLEBARN SALE August 26 and 27, 9-4. Tools, hardware, electrical, paneling, refrigerator, electric stove, some furniture, lots of miscellaneous. 624 S. Roberts Rd. (-26/10)

GARAGE SALE August 27 and 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Take Thendara to 123 Black Bear Dr. (-26/10)

GARAGE SALE Thursday and Friday, August 26/27, 9-5. Jointer, electrical seeder, cast iron, miscellaneous. M-72 West, 8 miles to Riverview Rd, down 1/2 miles. (-26/10)

MOVING SALE August 26, 27, 28, 9 a.m. to ? 4593 Orbit Dr. Miscellaneous clothes, women's and girls, furniture and appliances, no early sales. (-26/10)

HUGE PRE-MOVING SALE 4946 Helen Drive (off Roberts Road). Thursday, Friday, Saturday (Aug. 26-28) 9 a.m. till ? Tons of clothes for back-to-school—all sizes: jeans, shoes, T-shirts, even prom dresses! TVs, VCR's, Sega Genesis and games. Toys (GI Joe, Ninja Turtles, Barbie accessories, dollhouse). Jewelry, board games, CD's and tapes. Kitchen appliances, dishes, books, craft supplies. Come stock up for winter—lots of sweaters, sweatshirts and nice winter jackets (some Starter). (-26/10)

FIVE FAMILY GARAGE SALE 9-? Friday-Saturday, 27 and 28, also Labor day weekend. 106 Hill Top Drive, off of M-18 and Chase Bridge Rd. Children to adult clothing, Little Tykes toys, washer and dryer, videos, stroller, household items and much miscellaneous. (-26/10)

YARD SALE August 27-28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 306 Arthur St. (in Clough subdivision). (-26/10)

ONE DAY ONLY Yard Sale. Saturday, August 28, 9:15 a.m. - 5 p.m. 4633 Calvin Drive, down Isenhauer Road. (-26/10)

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11. Automotive

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'98 FORD RANGER XLT A/C. four cylinder, manual, with cap. 12,500 miles. (517) 348-4359 (-19-26/11)

1992 CHEVY CORSICA Asking \$2,500, good condition. (517) 348-2120/(517) 348-8982 (8/19/99tf/11)

1988 PONTIAC GRAND AM Houston vehicle, needs turbo and TLC. \$800 or better offer. (517) 348-8350 (-5-12-19-26/11)

CAR FOR PARTS 1982 Buick LaSabre body in good shape. GM rebuilt transmission has only 15,000 miles. Engine blown. Many other parts good. New exhaust. \$300 or best offer. (517) 348-1429 after 5 p.m. (8/5/99tf/11)

1992 NISSAN 4X4 pick-up, four cyl., five speed, new tires, cap, one owner, good condition. \$4,500 or best offer. (517) 348-5718 (8/12/99tf/11)

1985 LINCOLN TOWN CAR Needs rear main seal, looks good, runs good, first \$600 takes it. (517) 348-2462 (-26/11)

FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS! If you need Business Cards, Letterhead, Envelopes, Brochures, etc.. Come see us at the Crawford County Avalanche. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Or call us at (517) 348-6811.

'76 1/2 TON 4 x 4 with plow, needs transmission. Best Offer. (517) 348-6002 before 6 p.m. ask for Jeff. (-